

BRICK BRADFORD



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PROFESSOR VAN ATTA SALISBURY IS IN CAMP IN AN ARIZONA DESERT ON AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION. WITH HIM ARE HIS DAUGHTER JUNE AND BRICK BRADFORD.

WELL, BRADFORD, TODAY WE BREAK CAMP AND HEAD BACK TO NEW YORK!

WHY NOT RETURN IN MY PLANE, SIR?



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EXCELLENT! I'M EAGER TO GET BACK—THE MUSEUM HAS A VERY INTERESTING ASSIGNMENT FOR ME!

MAY I KNOW?



TOMORROW YES—AND YOU MAY GO ALONG BUT I WARN YOU IT WILL BE HIGHLY DANGEROUS!

THAT SETTLES IT! I'M READY TO GO, NOW!



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THE SALISBURYS RETURN TO NEW YORK IN BRADFORD'S PLANE.

NOW PROFESSOR, YOU WERE GOING TO TELL ME ABOUT THIS NEW EXPEDITION OF YOURS—



THAT NIGHT—

OH, YES—WELL—IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY CONTENTION THAT THE GULF STREAM AND THE KURO SIVO OR JAPANESE CURRENT ARE ONE AND THE SAME—CONNECTING WITHIN THE ARCTIC CIRCLE!



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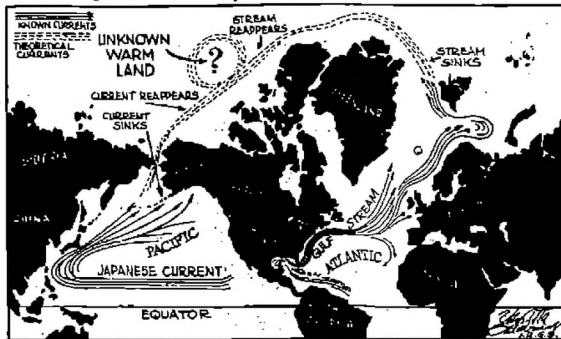
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IF SO—AND SHOULD THE WARM STREAM REACH THE SURFACE IT WOULD CREATE A WARM CLIMATE IN SOME SPOT NEAR THE NORTH POLE WHICH MAY NOT YET BE DISCOVERED!



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PROFESSOR SALISBURY PLANNING AN ARCTIC EXPEDITION. TO DETERMINE IF HIS THEORY THAT THE GULF STREAM AND JAPANESE CURRENT ARE THE SAME IS CORRECT, SHOWS BRICK A MAP.



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BUT WHAT WOULD BE FOUND IN THIS SPOT WHERE YOU'VE THE QUESTION MARK?

WHO KNOWS? STRANGE BEASTS? STRANGER HUMANS?

BY GEORGE, I CAN'T WAIT TILL WE START OUR TREK NORTH!

WHY BRICK, THAT'S HARDLY COMPLIMENTARY TO ME!



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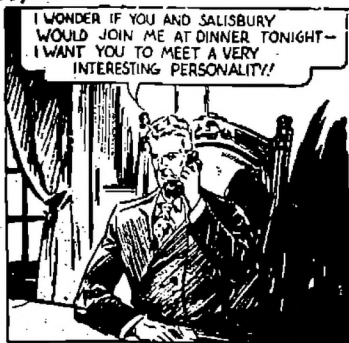
OH, HELLO, MR. MASTERMAN! NO, YOU DIDN'T AWAKEN ME—WHAT'S THAT?

I WONDER IF YOU AND SALISBURY WOULD JOIN ME AT DINNER TONIGHT—I WANT YOU TO MEET A VERY INTERESTING PERSONALITY!

SO GOOD OF YOU TO COME—I REALLY WANT YOU TO STUDY THIS MAN GAMLA AND LET ME KNOW—

GOOD EEFNING, GENTOLMAIN!

OH-ER—AH—HERE IS MR. GAMLA, NOW!



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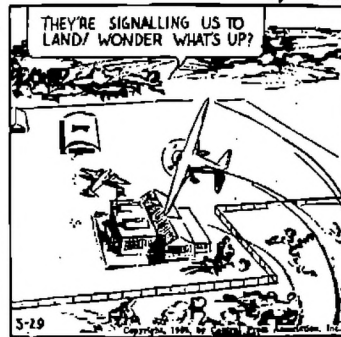
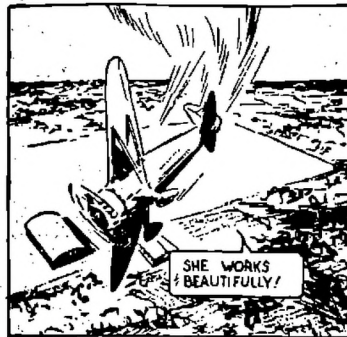
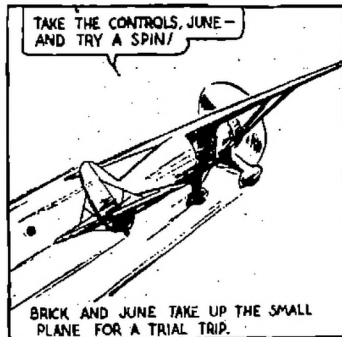
BRICK SUPERINTENDS THE BUILDING OF THE TWO PLANES TO BE USED IN THE SALISBURY ARCTIC EXPEDITION TO FIND THE LOST CURRENT.



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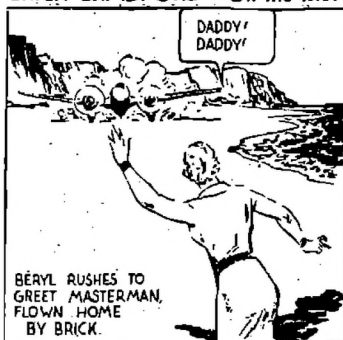
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VAN ATTA SALISBURY WHO IS A NOTED LINGUIST, IS ASKED BY BRICK TO TRY TO DETERMINE WHAT LANGUAGE THE STRICKEN STRANGER SPEAKS.

"I'LL FIRST ATTEMPT THE OLD NORSE DIALECTS."



"NOW I'LL TRY SWEDISH—'VEM ÄR DU?'"

"Ö, DU TOLLAR MIT SPROÅK!"



"KINDNESS IS IN YOUR EYES—YOU WILL BE A FRIEND?"

"CERTAINLY! BUT YOU MUST NOT LET YOURSELF BECOME EXCITED—YOU ARE WEAK!"



"YOUR WORDS ARE DARK BUT TRUE—I, THORKILL THORVALDSON, LORD OF ASAHEIM, HAVE COME ON EVIL DAYS!"

"IF IT IS YOUR WISH, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR HOW YOU CAME AMONG US, IN THIS LAND—"



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THE STRANGER SAVED FROM THE SEA RELATES TO VAN ATTA SALISBURY THE AMAZING STORY OF HIS VOYAGE TO AMERICA.
..
THORKILL'S STORY



"I AM THORKILL, THE SON OF THORVALD THE WISE, IN ASAHEIM, AMONG THE ISLES BEYOND THE ICE, I AM KING—"



"NEAR BY ASAHEIM IS ANOTHER ISLE, VANAHEIM, PEOPLED BY GIANTS WHOSE KING IS GAMLA GAMLASSON—"



"ONE DAY A SHIP OF MINE I LONG THOUGHT LOST RETURNED—THE CREW TOLD OF A NEW WORLD THEY HAD FOUND—IT WAS YOUR LAND!"



"THEY TOLD OF WAGONS WITHOUT HORSES—OF CHARIOTS THAT FLEW IN THE SKY—OF HOUSES TALLER THAN OUR HILLS—I COULD NOT BELIEVE!" (CONTINUED)

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THORKILL'S STORY CONTINUES—
KING GAMLA HEARING OF THE NEW LAND OF WONDERS CAME TO MY COURT GOOD FORTUNE THAT DAY WAS NOT MY FRIEND! GAMLA HAD A PLAN—



"ON ASAHEIM ARE GREAT HILLS IN WHICH IS MUCH OF THE WHITE METAL MEN CALL SILVER—



"GAMLA PROPOSED HE AND I LEAD AN EXPEDITION TO YOUR LAND AND TRADE THIS METAL TO YOUR KING FOR SOME OF YOUR MAGIC WAGONS—



"FOR LONG MY HEART WONDERED AT THE WISDOM OF THIS— FINALLY I AGREED. TWO MOONS AGO WE SET SAIL IN A NEW DRAGON SHIP—



"MANY WERE THE DANGERS THAT BESET US AND DEATH OFTEN BECKONED WITH WHITE FINGERS— AT LAST WE WON THROUGH THE SEAS OF ICE— (CONTINUED)

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THORKILL'S STORY CONTINUED—
"ONE NIGHT AS WE NEARED A ROCKY SHORE IN A STORM I CAUGHT GAMLA TRYING TO SINK THE SHIP—



"GREED HAD TAKEN HIS HEART! HE WOULD KILL US ALL! THUS, WHEN HE RETURNED IN TRIUMPH HE WOULD BE KING OF ALL THE ISLES! WE FOUGHT— 6-B



"GAMLA'S GREAT STRENGTH OVERPOWERED ME— HE LASHED ME TO THE MAST SO I SHOULD DIE WITH THE SHIP— HE DROVE INTO THE SEA AND SWAM TO SAFETY—



"IN THE STORM ALL OTHERS WERE WASHED OVERBOARD— GAMLA'S ACT HAD REALLY SAVED ME— TORTURED WITH THIRST I LOST REASON, KNEW NOTHING UNTIL I AWAKENED HERE!"

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SALISBURY REPEATS TO BRICK AND MASTERMAN THORKILL'S STRANGE STORY OF THE ISLES BEYOND THE ICE—

DON'T YOU SEE, MR. MASTERMAN, THIS VILLAIN, GAMLA, IN THORKILL'S STORY MUST BE THE SAME GAMLA WHO MADE THE TREASURE DEAL WITH YOU?



I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THIS THORKILL MAY BE AN IMPOSTOR—HIS WHOLE STORY SOUNDS LIKE A MYTH TO DISCREDIT MR. GAMLA!



ANYWAY, GENTLEMEN—THORKILL'S STORY ONLY MAKES ME MORE EAGER TO VISIT THE ARCTIC WITH MY EXPEDITION.

I THINK I'LL TAKE A SWIM BEFORE TURNING IN.



THERE'S SOME ONE PROWLING AROUND THORKILL'S SHIP!



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THAT MUST BE SOME TRAMP PROWLING AROUND THE SHIP—I'LL SCARE HIM AWAY!



HEY, YOU! GET AWAY FROM THERE!



GAMLA!



SO—LEETLE BOY—YOU SPY ON GAMLA! I PUNISH YOU!



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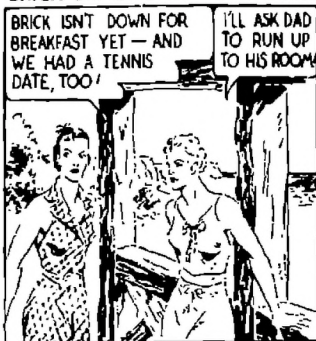
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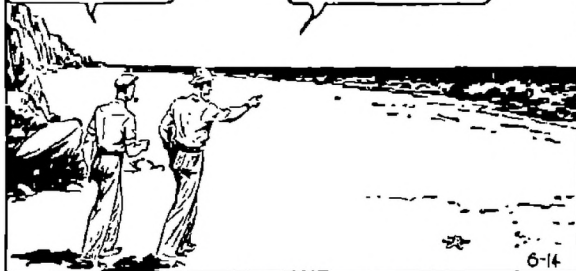
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MASTERMAN AND SALISBURY, ALARMED AT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF BRICK AND THE VIKING SHIP DURING THE NIGHT, SEARCH THE BEACH FOR CLUES.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT—BRICK MUST HAVE LEFT FOR SOME GOOD REASON!

THE SHIP WAS BEACHED OVER THERE—LET'S EXAMINE THAT SAND!



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SEE THOSE SWIRLS IN THE SAND—THAT INDICATES A STRUGGLE!



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LOOK—FOOTPRINTS! HUGE ONES!

SALISBURY, I KNOW OF BUT ONE PERSON WHO COULD MAKE THOSE PRINTS—GAMLA!



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MASTERMAN—I'M CONVINCED GAMLA KIDNAPED BRICK IN THAT VIKING SHIP!

I AGREE—SAY! PERHAPS GAMLA IS HEADED BACK TO THOSE ISLES BEYOND THE ICE!



MY GUESS PRECISELY! I'LL SPEED UP PLANS FOR MY ARCTIC TRIP AND FIND THEM!

—AND WE'LL ASK THIS THORKILL TO GUIDE US THERE



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I GLADLY WILL LEAD YOU TO GAMLA'S HOME FOR I, THORKILL, HAVE NEED OF A TALK WITH GAMLA, TOO!



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—AND SO, WITH FEVERISH HASTE, THE SALISBURY EXPEDITION MAKES READY FOR ITS AIR TRIP NORTH!

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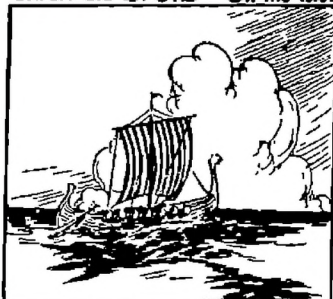
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LONG AFTER HIS FIGHT WITH GAMLA ON THE BEACH—BRADFORD REGAINS HIS SENSES, DISCOVERS THE GIANT HAS LASHED HIM TO THE STEERING OAR OF THE VIKING SHIP



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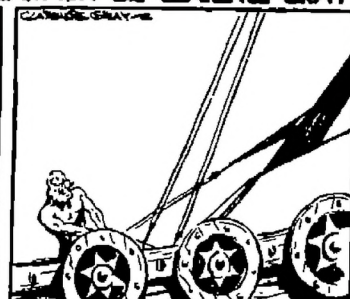
WEARY DAY AFTER DAY THE VIKING SHIP CREEPS NORTHWARD—



BRICK, BOUND TO THE RUDDER OAR, STEERS BETWEEN RESTLESS MOMENTS OF SLEEP—



THEIR ONLY FOOD IS FISH, CAUGHT BY GAMLA AND EATEN RAW—



GAMLA DOES THE WORK OF TEN MEN MANIPULATING THE HUGE SINGLE SAIL

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THE VIKING SHIP SAILS INTO THE
HEART OF A GREAT STORM



THIS IS AN ILL DAY FOR THOR
THE THUNDER GOD WOULD
MAKE US HIS GUESTS —



WORKING MADLY, GAMLA
UNTIES BRICK SO HE MAY
AID IN REEFING THE SAIL



— HOWLING WITH FURY
THE STORM STRIKES!

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BIND YOURSELF QUICKLY
AS I DO—ERE THE WAVE
WOLVES SWALLOW YOU!



RAVE IN YOUR
FURY, O THOR!
GAMLA DEFIES
THEE!

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AT THAT INSTANT LIGHTNING STRIKES THE SHIP



WE'RE AFIRE! AND I CAN'T
UNDO THIS KNOT!

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BRICK
AND
GAMLA,
BOUND TO
THE MAST
AND BOW
OF THE
VIKING
SHIP,
STRUGGLE
TO FREE
THEMSELVES
AS THE
CRAFT
CATCHES
FIRE



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GAMLA! GAMLA! I
CANNOT FREE MYSELF!



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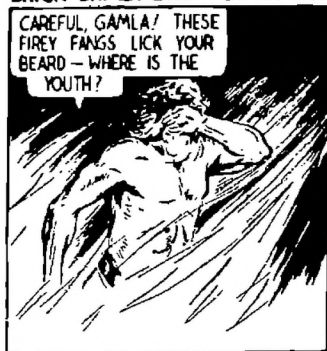
BY ODIN'S EYE!
GAMLA CAN!



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CAREFUL, GAMLA! THESE
FIERY FANGS LICK YOUR
BEARD—WHERE IS THE
YOUTH?



HAVE PATIENCE!



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WE'D BETTER JUMP
FOR IT!



NO! NO! WHY
LET THE SEA
DINE ON WHAT
THE FIRE HAS
LOST?

I HAVE A BETTER
PLAN, COME
QUICKLY!



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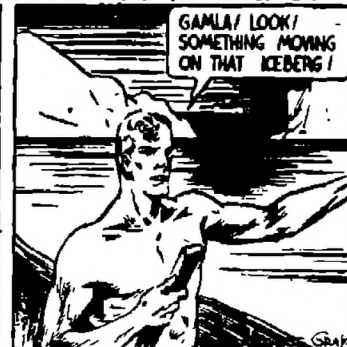
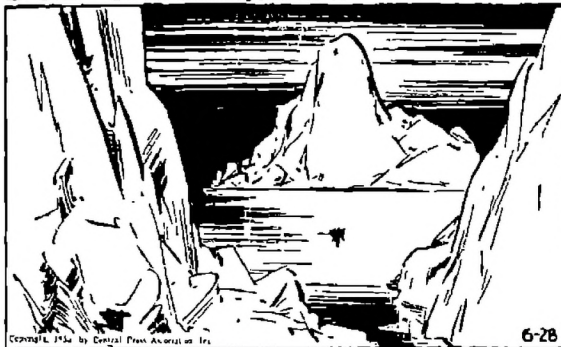


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THROUGH
THE
GRIM,
WHITE
FIELDS
OF ICE
GAMLA
AND
BRICK
SLOWLY
MAKE
THEIR
WAY,
WEAKENED
BY
HUNGER



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THE BEAST IS LIFELESS—AND SO, PERHAPS, IS THIS BRAVE, FOOLHARDY BOY!



SO—STILL LIFF, HUH? THEN HELP ME SKIN THIS BEAST!



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YOUR NEW COAT, SEE? WE SHALL USE THE BEAST'S SINEWS FOR TWINE!



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THANK GOODNESS HE WAS A BIG BEAR!

THAT IS RIGHT—NOW LET US DINE!



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WE MUST SOON GET OTHER THAN RAW MEAT OR WE BECOME SICK—

PERHAPS—BUT RIGHT NOW THIS BEAR CHOP TASTES WONDERFUL!



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STORE THE MEAT SO—NOW WE WILL CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY



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SUNSET FINDS THEM STILL WITHIN THE FIELD OF ICEBERGS—NOW CHANGED FROM SILVERY MOUNTAINS TO JAGGED PEAKS OF FIERY ROSE



THE NORTHERN LIGHTS!

NAY! THE TORCH OF LOKI—GUIDING US HOME!

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SEAL! OUR MEAT SUPPLY IS ABOUT GONE—PERHAPS WE CAN CATCH ONE!



NO! NO! SEE-HVALRUSS! DANGEROUS!

A WALRUS! AND IS HE A MONSTER!



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LOOK—WHALES! HOPE THEY LET US ALONE!



AT THAT INSTANT, A HUGE KILLER WHALE, SIGHTING THEM, CHARGES TO ATTACK!

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HIS GOING TO RUN US DOWN!



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GAMLA'S GONE! STUNNED BY THAT KILLER'S TAIL! I—I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!

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POOR GAMLA—THAT WHALE'S TAIL
MUST HAVE CRUSHED HIM!



THE TIDE'S CARRYING ME
TOWARD THE SHORE!



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SAVED! SAY! THERE'S SOMEONE
ON THE BEACH! IT'S—IT'S GAMLA!



YOU WORRY OVER GAMLA? HA!
I DO NOT DIE SO EASILY!



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I WILL LEAD THE WAY—
WE MUST FIND FOOD AND
SHELTER—IT GROWS LATE!



IN THAT FOREST WE FIND
BEASTS WE EAT AND, PERHAPS,
BEASTS THAT WOULD EAT US!



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GAMLA—HEAR
THAT? WOLVES!



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A PACK OF HUGE ARCTIC WOLVES SET OUT IN PURSUIT OF BRICK AND GAMLA—



THEY'RE GETTING NEARER!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND SHELTER OR—

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A CAVE / LET'S
TRY FOR THAT!

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WE LIVE YET A LITTLE
WHILE LONGER—THESE
BEASTS NO FOLLOW US
INTO THE CAVE!

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THOSE WOLVES CAN'T GET US—
BUT AS LONG AS THEY HANG
AROUND WE CAN'T GET OUT!



SINCE TO REMAIN
AWAKE IS TO SUFFER
HUNGER—I SHALL SLEEP
AND DREAM OF FEASTS!

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FUNNY! THE FLOOR OF THIS
CAVE ASCENDS! GAMLA!

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IT'S LIGHTER ABOVE—THERE
IS ANOTHER EXIT!

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FINDING
ANOTHER
EXIT OF
A CAVE
BRICK AND
GAMLA
COME OUT
ONTO A
HIGH
PLATEAU
AND LOOK
DOWN UPON
A
MAGNIFICENT
SIGHT!



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TWO
ESKIMO
HUNTERS
RETURN
TOWARD
THEIR
VILLAGE
AFTER
A VAIN
SEARCH
FOR GAME.



MEN WILL LAUGH FOR NEVER
BEFORE HAVE WE BEEN SO
LUCKLESS!



WAIT! SOMETHING
CROUCHES BEYOND
THAT ROCK!



HIU! OUR MEAT SACKS
MAY YET BE FILLED!



HOLD YOUR SPEAR READY, COMRADE—
I MAY MISS THAT BEAR!

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HOLD, HIU! IT
IS A MAN!



SO IT IS!

HE MAY YET LIVE—
WE MUST FREE HIM—



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UP, QUICKLY, LAZY ONE—WE
BRING A MAN WHO IS NEAR DEATH
AND NEEDS THE SLEEPING FURS!

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THROUGH THE LONG, DARK DAYS IN WHICH THE KINDLY ESKIMOS NURSE BRICK GRADUALLY BACK TO LIFE AND HEALTH HE LEARNS THEIR SIMPLE LANGUAGE.



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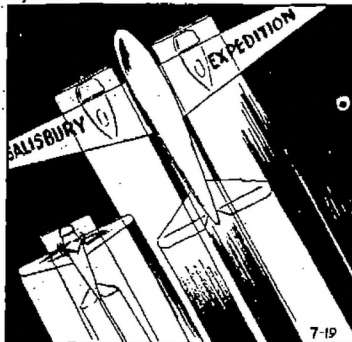


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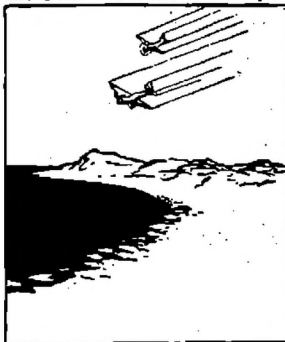


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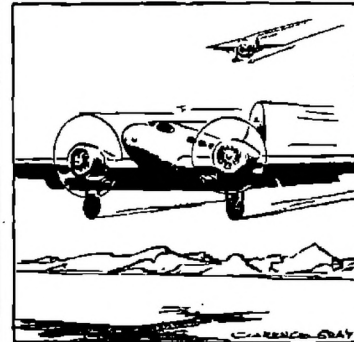


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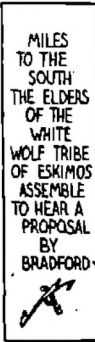
NOT
DREAMING
THEY HAD
JUST
PASSED
OVER THE
ESKIMO
VILLAGE
IN WHICH
BRICK
WAS A
VIRTUAL
PRISONER
THE
SALESBURY
EXPEDITION
FLIES ON —



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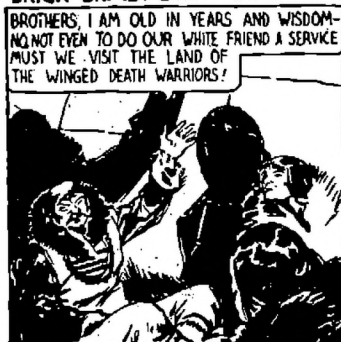
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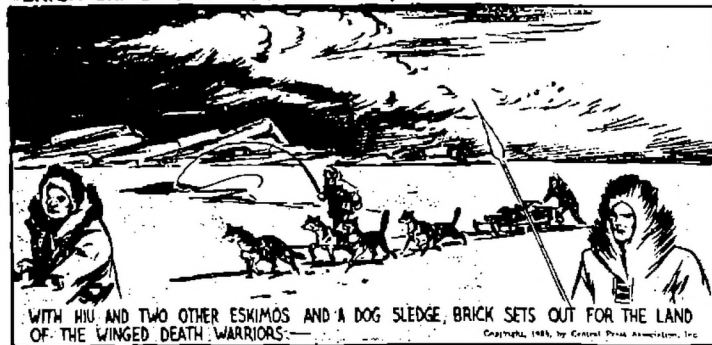
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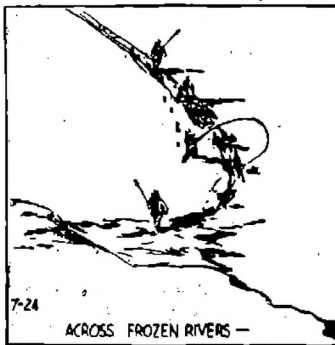
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CAREFUL, MAGNUS — WE MUST SLAY THEM IN THEIR SLEEP — THEN ROB THEM!



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— A SLEDGE DOG AWAKES BARKING IN ALARM!

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THEY AWAKEN — RUSH THEM!

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WITHOUT TIME TO RISE BRICK SNATCHES UP A SPEAR —



AND IMPALES THE FOREMOST MAN!

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IN A FLASH THE SECOND LEAPS UPON BRICK!

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I GUESS IT'S YOU OR ME, FELLOW!

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FRIGHTENED BY THE FURY OF BRICK'S COUNTER ATTACK THE VIKING ROBBER ATTEMPTS TO FLEE!

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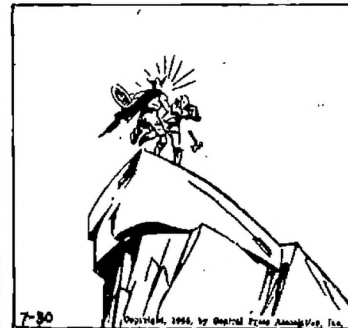
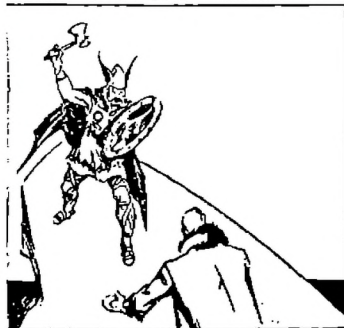


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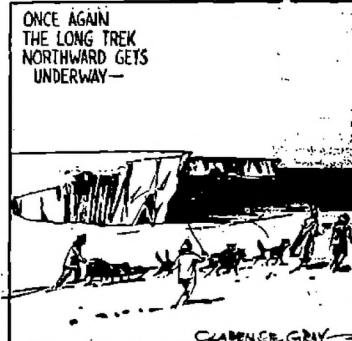
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AS BRICK AND HIS ESKIMO COMPANIONS CONTINUE THEIR TREK, PLANS FOR A HUNT ARE UNDER WAY IN THE SALISBURY CAMP.



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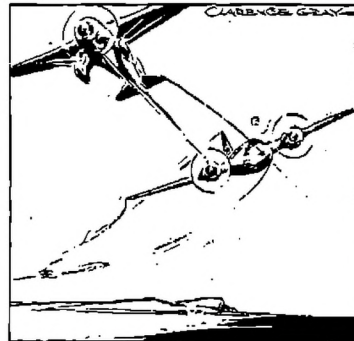
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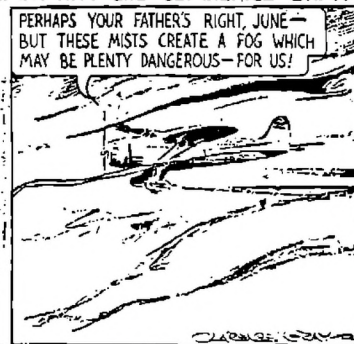
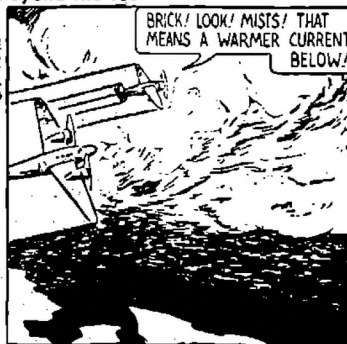
BRICK'S APPEARANCE IN THE SALISBURY CAMP SPEEDS THE PROFESSOR'S PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS SEARCH FOR THORKILL'S LAND.



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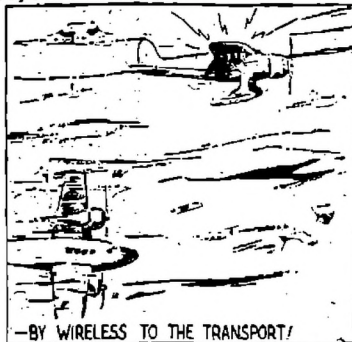
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MEDLEY? MEDLEY? FOG
INCREASING--ASCEND 3,000
FEET---DANGER OF MOUNTAINS AHEAD!



FLYING THROUGH DENSE MISTS SALISBURY PHONES



—BY WIRELESS TO THE TRANSPORT!

CAN'T RISE--WING ICE ELIMINATORS
HAVE FAILED--SLEET IS WEIGHTING
US DOWN!



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JURGY! LOOK! MOUNTAINS!
WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!



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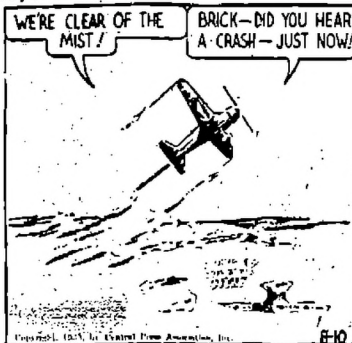
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THE TRANSPORT TRIES TO AVOID A MOUNTAIN
RIDGE BUT —

WE'RE CLEAR OF THE
MIST!

BRICK--DID YOU HEAR
A CRASH--JUST NOW!



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BRICK--IT--IT COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN THE TRANSPORT!

IF IT WAS --
ANYWAY WE
CAN'T FIND OUT
NOW-- IN THIS
FOG!

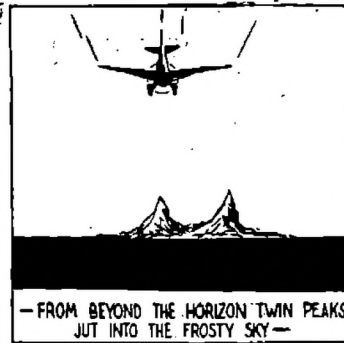
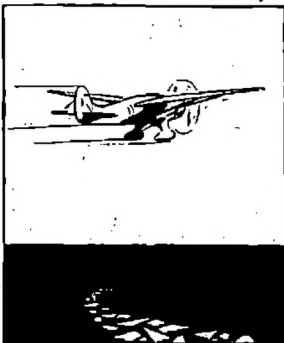


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NOT
KNOWING
THE
HUGE
ESCORT
PLANE,
BEARING
ALL SUPPLIES
HAS CRASHED
BRICK
AND HIS
FRIENDS
FLY ON,
EVER
NORTHWARD



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YOU TWO SEE IF YOU CAN FIND
SOME FRESH FOOD—THORKILL AND
I WILL GUARD THE PLANE



LET'S TAKE A JAUNT THROUGH
THOSE FOOTHILLS, JUNE



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STRANGERS! WE MUST
TAKE THEM TO SKULL!



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OLE! HELP! I CANNOT OVERCOME
THIS—THIS MADMAN!



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YOU HAVE NOT
KILLED HIM?

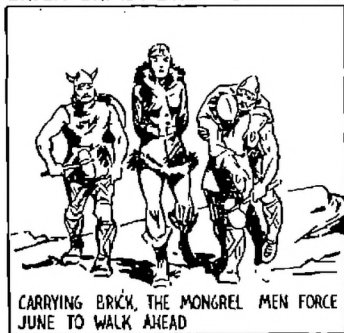


NO—BUT THAT WILD BEAR
HAD NEARLY SLAIN YOU!



BIND THE MAID QUICKLY—THEN
WE TAKE THEM BEFORE SKULL

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IN HIS RUDE HALL SITS SKULL, LORD OF JOTUNHEIM, FEASTING WITH HIS SAVAGE WAR CAPTAINS



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UNAWARE THAT BRICK AND JUNE HAVE BEEN MADE CAPTIVE BY THE MONGREL MEN OF SKULL, LORD OF JOTHUNHEIM, PROFESSOR SALISBURY AND THORKILL REMAIN ON GUARD AT THE PLANE

THORKILL! A SHIP APPROACHES—SEE?

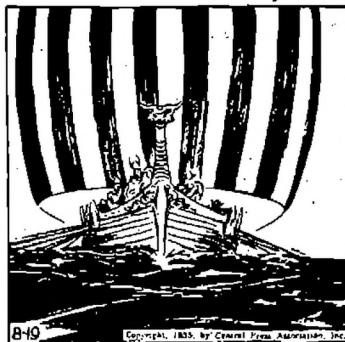
A LONG BOAT! A RAIDER!



IF THEY BE NOT FRIENDS THEN WE, WHO ARE BUT TWO, ARE DEAD MEN!



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THOR GIVE ME STRENGTH! FOR NOW I FEAR WE NEED IT SORELY!

I'LL GET A GUN!



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SWIFTLY THE VIKING, RAIDER APPROACHES THE BEACH WHERE —



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PRINCE, YON LONE WARRIOR, LEST MY EYES BETRAY, IS —

SAVE YOUR GOSSIP, THOR — I'LL FIGHT THIS MAN ALONE!



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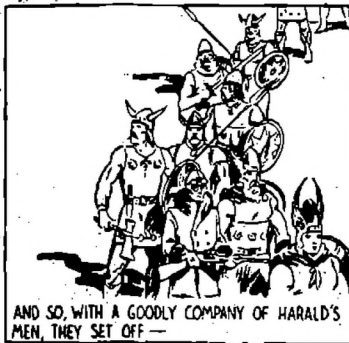


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NOBLE THORKILL—I, HALFÐAN, WOULD FIGHT YON CLOTHES-THIEF WHO SLEW MY BROTHER, 'OLE THE RAIDER!



ENRAGED BY SIGHT OF 'OLE'S FURS ON BRICK HALFÐAN, SPRINGS UPON A ROWING BENCH—

WHAT SAY YOU, FRIEND BRADFORD, TO THE CHARGE—IF HALFÐAN LIES THE WHIP WILL MAKE HIM A MAN OF TRUTH!



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OUR CAMP WAS ATTACKED AT NIGHT BY TWO VIKINGS WHO WERE SLAIN IN FAIR FIGHT—THESE ARE THE GARMENTS OF ONE! IF HE WERE 'OLE THE RAIDER—I DO NOT KNOW!



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UNDER THE ANCIENT RUNES HALFÐAN HAS RIGHT TO SEEK RETRIBUTION—YOU TWO MUST DUEL AT THE FEAST OF HEROES!

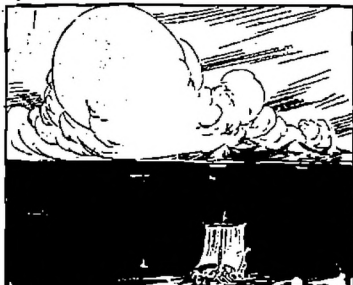


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AT LAST THE VIKING SHIP NEARS ITS HOME PORT—ASGAARD, CAPITAL OF ASAHEIM

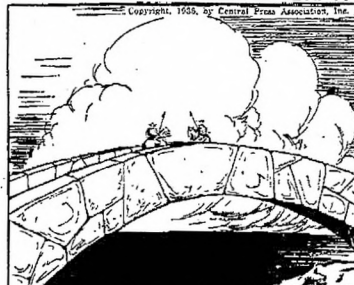


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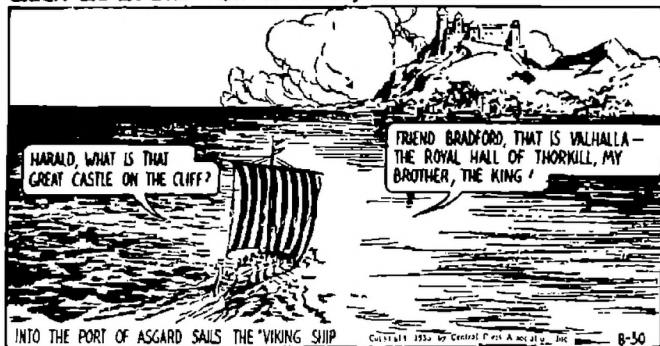
THEY PASS BENEATH THE BIFROST BRIDGE, WHICH CONNECTS ASAHEIM AND VANAHEIM AT THEIR NEAREST POINT



MID-WAY OF BIFROST BRIDGE TWO GUARDS—AN ASA AND A VANA VIKING—KEEP THEIR VIGIL

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HOLDING HIS YOUNG LISTENERS SPELLBOUND SALISBURY BEGINS THE FASCINATING STORY OF THE NORSE GODS

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PROFESSOR SALISBURY BEGINS HIS OUTLINE OF NORSE MYTHOLOGY FOR BRICK AND JUNE SO THEY UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE STRANGE CIVILIZATION FOUND ON THE ISLES BEYOND THE ICE



"IN THE BEGINNING," SAYS SALISBURY, "CHAOS REIGNED BUT FROM THE ROOTS OF THE GREAT TREE YGGDRASILL WORLDS SPRANG—"



"ONE ROOT REACHES TO THE HEAVEN OF THE A-SER (GOODS)—THE CITY OF ASGARD! A PLACE OF SPLENDOR AND JOY!—"



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"THERE IN VALHALLA SITS ODIN, THE ALL—FATHER, THE SUPREME LORD WHO GAVE AN EYE FOR THE GIFT OF WISDOM—"



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"HIS MIGHTY SON IS THOR, SO STRONG THAT WHEN HIS HAMMER, MJOLNIR, FALLS IT CREATES LIGHTNING AND THUNDER!"— (CONTINUED)

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PROFESSOR SALISBURY CONTINUES: "LOKI, ANOTHER SON OF ODIN, IS EVIL—THE LORD OF FIRE, HE IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE ENEMIES OF ASAGHEIM."



"BEFORE THE TIME OF MAN, LOKI SLEW HIS BROTHER, BALDER, WITH AN ARROW OF MISTLETOE TO WHICH ALONE BALDER WAS NOT IMMUNE—"



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"THE SECOND ROOT OF THE CREATION TREE, YGGDRASILL, REACHES TO THE LAND OF THE FROST GIANTS, ENEMIES OF MAN AND THE GODS—"

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"NEARBY DWELL THE THREE NORNS—URDHR (PAST), VERDHRANDI (PRESENT) AND SKULD (FUTURE)—" (CONTINUED) CLARENCE GRAY

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"THE NORSE PEOPLES," CONTINUES SALISBURY, "BELIEVED THAT THE BATTLE MAIDENS (VALKYRIES) RESCUE THE SOULS OF ALL BRAVE WARRIORS WHO FALL ON EVERY BATTLE-FIELD, TAKING THEM TO VALHALLA, WHERE THEY SIT AND FEAST, AWAITING—

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THE DAY OF RAGNAROK—THE LAST BATTLE OF THE WORLD—THE FINAL STRUGGLE OF GODS AND HEROES AGAINST GIANTS AND DEMONS AND ALL THE POWERS OF DARKNESS—



"IT IS THE TWILIGHT OF THE GODS, THE END OF MEN, THE EARTH IS CONSUMED IN THE FLAME OF BATTLE BUT FROM THE ASH RISES A NEW WORLD OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS, TO BLOOM FOREVER!"

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A GREAT FEAST OF WELCOME IS HELD IN VALHALLA ON THE RETURN OF THORKILL



STAND ASIDE! I HAVE A PROPHECY FOR THOSE WITHIN!

'TIS SYGRITH, THE OLD SORCERESS—BE OFF, QUICKLY, OLD CRONE!

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LET NONE BE TURNED FROM THORKILL'S THRONE—SYGRITH, WHAT IS YOUR PROPHECY?



MY PROPHECY IS NOT FOR YOU, THORKILL, KING OF MEN, BUT FOR HE WHO SITS BESIDE YOU—THE STRANGER BRADFORD!

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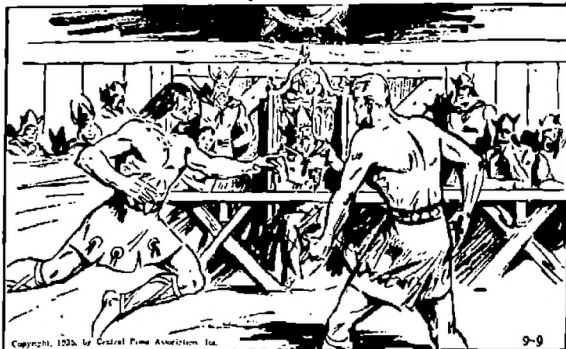
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STRIPPED TO THE WAIST, BRICK AND THOR, THE CHAMPION WRESTLER OF THE VIKINGS, CLASH IN A FRIENDLY MATCH



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BY ODIN'S EYE, YOU ARE A BETTER MAN THAN I! 'T WAS BUT A TRICK—YOU ARE THE STRONGER!



AND SO BRICK GAINS A FRIEND WHO, SOME DAY, WILL SAVE HIS LIFE

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GREAT FAME COMES TO BRICK FOR HIS VICTORY OVER THOR, FOR IN ASGARD MEN HOLD SKILLFUL STRENGTH THE KING OF VIRTUES



THORA, MY SISTER, HAS HEARD OF YOUR PROWESS AND WOULD SEE YOU.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET ANY KIN OF YOURS, HARALD



MY SISTER DWELLS APART—SHE DETESTS THE MEN OF WAR AND TALES OF KILLING WHICH ABOUND IN THORHILL'S PALACE.



THORA, SWEET, THIS IS THE STRANGER BRADFORD!



MY BROTHER, YOU JEST! THIS HANDSOME MAN CANNOT BE THE RUTHLESS WARRIOR BRADFORD!

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HARALD AND BRICK FIGHT BACK—TO—BACK IN A SAVAGE SEA BATTLE AGAINST A CREW OF MONGREL VIKINGS



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THE TWO
VIKING
SHIPS,
FLAMING
FROM
BOW TO
STERN,
DRIFT
APART
AS BOTH
CREWS
LEAP INTO
THE WATER
TO ESCAPE
THE
HUNGRY
TONGUES
OF FIRE



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WE'D BETTER
JUMP TOO, HARALD!

STICK YOUR SWORD BETWEEN
THE BACK BANDS OF YOUR
HARNESSE—WE MAY NEED THEM



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WHERE'LL WE SWIM
TO, HARALD?

I KNOW THE SHORE—
FOLLOW ME



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I SEE THE SHORE
LINE! WE'RE SAVED!



THE SHIPS HAVE
SUNK—SEE?

AND ALL THE OTHERS MUST
HAVE GONE DOWN WITH
THEM—WE SEEM ALONE

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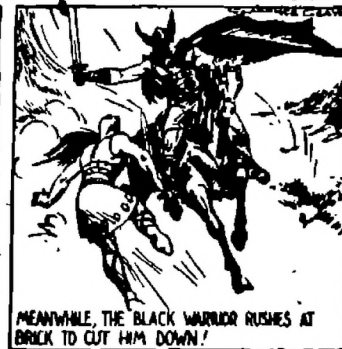
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WELL, BRADFORD, WE'VE REMOVED THEIR MASKS
AND TWO UGLIER FACES I HAVE NEVER SEEN!



SPEAK UP, OLD BARE
BROW—YOUR NAME!

OLOF THE LUCKLESS—AND,
PLEASE, SIR, DO NOT SLAY
ME!



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AND WHAT MAY BE CALLED
YOU WHOM BRADFORD HAS
CONQUERED?

I AM STARKAD, THE
SON OF STORM!



STARKAD! STARKAD!
THE ONE WHOM—

SYGTRYG FORETOLD I MUST
THRICE MEET IN COMBAT!



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WE'LL TAKE OUR CAPTIVES'
HORSES, BRADFORD, BUT WHAT
WILL WE DO WITH THE MEN?



I'VE AN IDEA
—LISTEN!

I'VE A NOTION THESE MEN WERE SENT BY SKULL
TO SLAY US—LET US DON THEIR ARMOR
AND PAY SKULL A VISIT, HE THINKING
WE ARE THEY!

EXCELLENT!



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SURELY, YOU WILL NOT
LEAVE US TO DIE UN—
ARMED IN THE FOREST

YOU'LL GET OUT, OLD
BALD PATE, THIS IS
YOUR NATIVE LAND



AND NOW TO PAY SKULL, EARL OF JOTUNIHEIM, A
VISIT—EH, BRADFORD?

RIGHT!



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DON'T YOU SEE? SKULL, WHO WAS HUMILIATED BY YOUR BROTHER, THORKILL, AND HAVING LEARNED FROM SPIES WE WERE IN THE FOREST—

—SENT STARKAD AND OLAF TO SLAY US! OF COURSE!

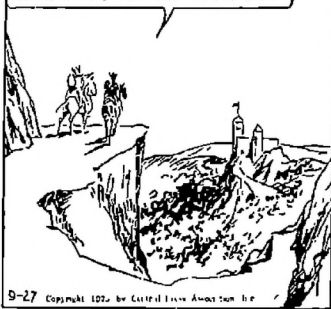


MASKED IN THIS MANNER WE MAY FOOL SKULL INTO THINKING WE ARE STARKAD AND OLAF!

—AND THUS ADMIT THE PLOT TO DO AWAY WITH US!



SKULL'S FOREST STRONGHOLD! AS WE RIDE TOWARD IT SING THE VIKING VICTORY SONG!



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SKULL, STARKAD AND OLAF RETURN—THEY SING THE SONG OF VICTORY!

THEN I AM REVENGED! HARALD AND BRADFORD ARE GONE!



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WELCOME, MY WARRIORS—COME JOIN ME AND REST! YOUR—ER—EXERCISE—MUST HAVE—HA! HA!—TIRED YOU!



AND NOW TELL ME, MY GOOD STARKAD—DID YOU MEET THE CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE WOOD?



WHY—TO WHAT 'CERTAIN PERSONS' DOES YOUR LORDSHIP REFER?



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UH? WHY, TO—HOLD! YOUR VOICE! 'TIS NOT STARKAD'S!

GUARDS! SEIZE THEM! THESE ARE NOT STARKAD AND OLAF!



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AS SKULL'S GUARDS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THEIR METAL MASKS, BRICK AND HAROLD THEMSELVES REMOVE THE HELMETS.



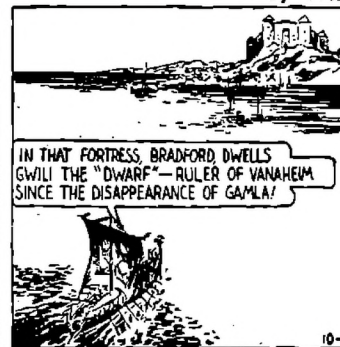
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BY ODIN'S EYE, BRADFORD, I WISH NOW I HAD SLAIN THAT FAT FOOL, GWILLI, FOR ASKING TO WED MY SISTER!



LISTEN, YOU SAVAGE, I THINK YOUR SLAP DID TOO MUCH DAMAGE AS IT IS!

BRICK IS RIGHT! GWILLI THE "DWARF" HAS NOT FORGOTTEN THE INSULT HARALD OFFERED HIM—AN ENVOY FROM SKULL FINDS HIM IN A RECEPTIVE MOOD—



YOU MAY TELL YOUR MASTER, GRUFF, THAT GWILLI HEARD HIS MESSAGE AND DID NOT SAY "NO"!

SO-O! SKULL PLANS REBELLION! HA! WITH THE AID OF MY GIANT MEN WE SHOULD WIN AND I WILL BE AVENGED!



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THORWILL SENDS OUT HIS COURIERS TO TRUMPET THE NEWS—" THE VIKING GAMES "ARE AT HAND!"



AND EVERYWHERE, THROUGHOUT THE ISLES, BRAWNY WARRIORS MAKE WEAPONS SHARP FOR THE FEAST OF HEROES

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FROM
THE FAR
CORNERS OF
THE ISLAND
EMPIRE
COME
BRAWNY
VIKINGS—
SILK-GLAD
SEA
CAPTAINS TO
RAGGED SERFS
ATHLETES
ALL—
FOR THE
FEAST
OF HEROES
AT VALHALLA



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JUNE, I'M GOING TO ENTER THE
GREAT GAMES OF THE FEAST
OF HEROES!

OH, DON'T BRICK!
YOU MAY GET HURT!



THORKILL, I'D LIKE TO
ENTER THE GAMES

SINCE I'VE GIVEN MY CONSENT
TO HARALD, MY BROTHER, HERE
I ALSO GIVE YOU PERMISSION!

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THORA,
SISTER OF
THORKILL AND
HARALD,
SHOWS
BRICK
THE TROPHIES
TO BE
WON IN THE
VIKING
GAMES
WHICH ARE
ABOUT
TO BEGIN

BRICK IS
TO BE A
CONTESTANT
IN THE GAMES

THE BEAR FIGHTERS WILL TRY FOR THE MARBLE SHIELD—THE
FIRE SKATERS FOR THE SILVER SWORD—THE AXE OF IVORY IS
THE SKI PRIZE—THE SILKEN ROBE WILL BE COMPETERED FOR
BY THE VALKYRIES OF WHOM I AM A CAPTAIN—THE
GOLDEN ARROWS ARE FOR THE LONGSLED RACE WINNERS



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WHAT A MAGNIFICENT
JEWELLED HELMET—
WHO WINS THIS?

THE CHAMPION OF
THE HOLMGANG DUEL!



THORA, I'M GOING TO TRY
FOR THAT PRIZE!

BUT IN THE HOLMGANG
DUEL IT IS ALMOST
CERTAIN DEATH IF YOU
LOSE!

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THE
ROLL OF
CHAMPIONS
WHO WILL
COMPETE
IN THE
FEAST
OF HEROES
IS
ANNOUNCED
FAVORITES
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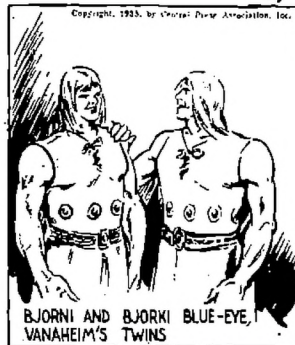
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LODBROK THE BERSERK



HARALD FAIRFACE 10-9



BJORNI AND BJORKI BLUE-EYE,
VANAHEIM'S TWINS



STARKAD, THE SON OF STORM



AND A NEWCOMER,
BRICK BRADFORD

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A LARGE
NATURAL
AMPHITHEATER
BENEATH
THE FROWNING
WALLS OF
VALHALLA
IS FILLED BY
THE VAST
THRONING
COME TO
SEE THE
FEAST
OF HEROES
—
PROFESSOR
SALISBURY
AND JUNE
ARE IN
THE
ROYAL BOX



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THE
VIKING
GAMES
BEGIN.

THE
BEAR
FIGHTERS
DASH
INTO
THE
ARENA,
ARMED
ONLY
WITH
SPEARS,
TO
BATTLE
HUGE
POLAR
BEARS



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TO YOU, LODBROK—THE MARBLE
SHIELD! 'T WAS A FINE DISPLAY
OF COURAGE



TOMORROW—THE FIRE SKATERS

BRICK BRADFORD—On the Isles Beyond the Ice

TONIGHT'S
EVENT—
THE FIRE
SKATE RACE

BETWEEN
LANES
OF FLAMING
WHALE OIL
THE SKATERS
STAND
AWAITING
THE
SIGNAL
TO START
ON THEIR
FIERY,
FEARFUL
JOURNEY



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TOSTIG, WELL WON IS
YOUR REWARD—THE
SILVER SWORD



MONDAY—THE SKI SPEARMEN

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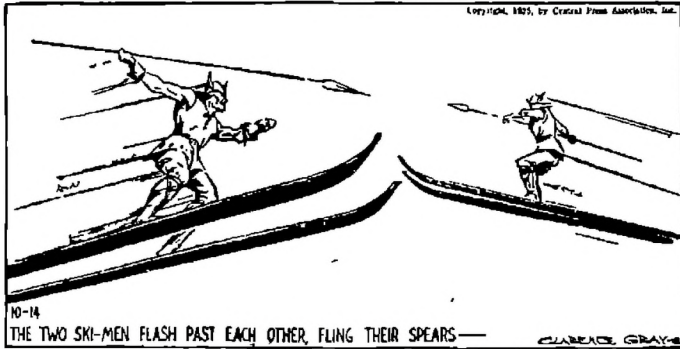
TODAY'S
EVENT
OF THE VIKING
GAMES—
THE SKI AND
SPEAR TEST!
THOK, A
FRIEND
OF BRICK'S
IS ONE
OF THE
ENTRANTS



THOK AND HIS OPPONENT
TAKE OFF FROM OPPOSITE JUMPS

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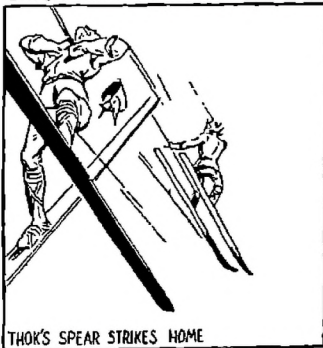
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THE TWO SKI-MEN FLASH PAST EACH OTHER, FLING THEIR SPEARS—

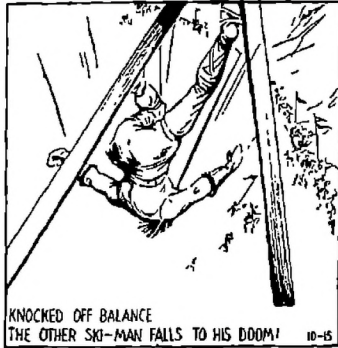
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THOK'S SPEAR STRIKES HOME



KNOCKED OFF BALANCE
THE OTHER SKI-MAN FALLS TO HIS DOOM!

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TO YOU, THOK, THE AXE OF IVORY—
PRIZE OF THE SPEAR AND SKI TEST!

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NOW COMES THE HORSEMAN—SHIP CONTESTS FOR VALKYRIES THE BATTLE MAIDENS, IN WHICH THORA, SISTER OF THE KING, WILL COMPETE—THE FIRST PRINCESS EVER TO ENTER THE VIKING GAMES

WISH ME LUCK, BRADFORD—I DO THIS BUT TO PLEASE YOU?

OF COURSE, YOU'LL WIN, THORA—

HURRY BRICK, OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE VIKING GAMES



ISN'T SHE GRACEFUL AND SO STRONG, JUNE?

IF YOU MEAN GOOD-LOOKING FOR A BLOND—I'LL ADMIT THAT!



THORA, MY SISTER—YOU HAVE FAIRLY WON THE VALKYRIE PRIZE—THE SILKEN GOWN!



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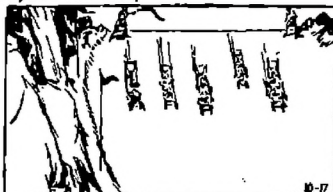
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I'M RIDING WITH HARALD IN THE LONGSLED RACE TODAY

BE CAREFUL, BRICK IF YOU SHOULD BE HURT—I'D—I'D—



JUNE'S JEALOUSY OVER THORA'S ATTENTIONS TO BRICK HAS SPOILED THE VIKING GAMES FOR HER



DOWN A STEEP MOUNTAINSIDE FIVE LONGSLEDS FLASH IN A DEATH-DARING DASH — THIS IS THEIR ORDER:

- 1—KNUT OLEGSEN—HAAKON MAGNI
- 2—ROLF THE TALL—ARNE EDMUNDSON
- 3—BJORNI BLUE-EYE—BJORKI BLUE-EYE
- 4—HARALD FAIRFACE—BRICK BRADFORD
- 5—CLAUS THE LAZY—SVERRE STRONGARM

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AT THE FIRST SHARP TURN THE TWO LEADING SLEDS COLLIDE—NOW BJORNI AND BJORKI SET THE PACE!

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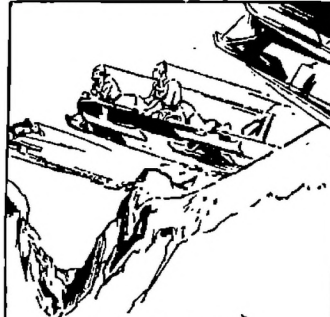
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BJORNI AND BJORKI LEAD AS THE LONGSLED RACE NEARS AN END



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BUT CLOSE BEHIND ARE HARALD AND BRICK—



THE THREE SLEDS LEAP THE LAST DITCH



A WIDE CURVE, BJORKI IS THROWN FREE INTO THE PATH OF HARALD'S SLED!

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THEIR RUNNERS FLASHING LIKE KNIVES IN THE SUNLIGHT, THE TWO SLEDS HURTLE TOWARD BJORKI—



HARALD YANKS SAVAGELY AT THE GUIDE LINES—HIS SLED SWERVES PAST BJORKI BUT THE NEXT SLED IS ALMOST UPON THE HELPLESS MAN



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BRICK REACHES FAR OVER AND SNATCHES BJORKI OFF THE RUNWAY



THE RACE IS LOST BUT A LIFE IS SAVED!

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WITH ALL THE VIKING GAMES CONCLUDED SAVE THE GREAT FINALE, THE HOLMGANG DUEL, THORKILL ARRESTS THE ATTENTION OF THE EAGER SPECTATORS

HEarken, GOOD SUBJECTS! ERE I CALL CANDIDATES FOR THE DUEL AN AFFAIR OF HONOR MUST BE SETTLED BY THE ANCIENT ORDEAL OF ICE!



BELOW YOU SEE HALFDAN WHOSE BROTHER, OLE THE RAIDER, HE BELIEVES WAS SLAIN—



BY BRADFORD WHO STANDS BESIDE ME — SO THEY MUST MEET HERE FOR THE ORDEAL!



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HM! THE STRANGER IS A MAN! SUCH MUSCLES! I WILL WAGER SIX GOLD PIECES ON HALFDAN!



RIGHT IS ON HALFDAN'S SIDE—HE WILL WIN!

ER—BION, I LIKE THE LOOK OF BRADFORD!

AH—SO HANDSOME! SO HANDSOME!

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IN THE ORDEAL OF ICE ACCUSER AND ACCUSED MUST STAND, BARE FOOT, ON ICE, HOLDING A HUGE CAKE IN BARE HANDS —

THE WINNER IS JUDGED IN THE RIGHT—THE OTHER BECOMES HIS VASSAL FOR LIFE!

OH, BRICK! DON'T ENTER THE ORDEAL!



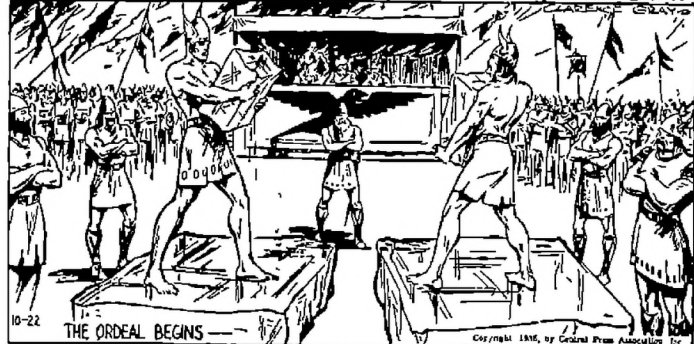
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, JUNE — I MUST!

KISS THEM AND HAVE DONE, PRETTY BOY! LET US TO THE RING!



I AM READY, HALFDAN!

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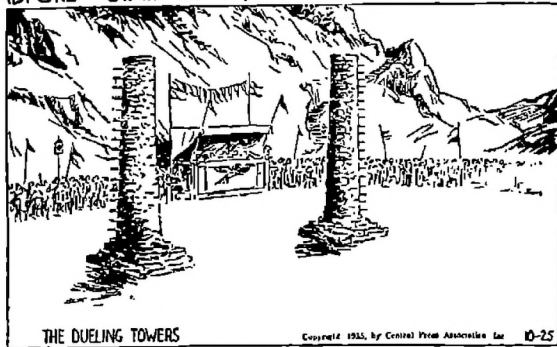


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IN THE
HOLMGANG
DUEL ABOUT TO
BEGIN, THE
CONTESTANTS
STAND ON HIGH
STONE TOWERS
AND TAKE TURN
HURLING
HAMMERS AT EACH OTHER
IN AN
EFFORT
TO KNOCK
THEIR
OPPONENTS
FROM
THEIR
PERCH



THE DUELING TOWERS

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KING THORKILL—THE LORD SKULL
OFFERS JOTUNHEIM'S CHAMPION
FOR THE DUEL—STARKAD, SON OF
STORM!



AMID MIGHTY CHEERS STARKAD MOUNTS THE
RUNGS OF A TOWER

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NOBLE THORKILL! IS THERE NONE AMONG THE
MEN OF ASAHEIM WHO DARES GIVE STARKAD
FIGHT?



COWARDS—EH? THEN, KING THORKILL, GIVE ME THE
PRIZE WITHOUT CONTEST—THE JEWELLED HELMET!



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WAIT! I'LL FIGHT
STARKAD!

HEAVY FELT MITTENS AND BOOTS CONCEALING HIS
BANDAGES, BRICK RUSHES INTO THE ARENA



BRADFORD! WHAT LUCK! NOW MAY I
SETTLE AN OLD SCORE!

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BRICK HIDING THE PAIN OF HIS HANDS AND FEET, RESULT OF THE ICE TEST—ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE OF STARKAD TO A HOLMGANG DUEL.
—
BRICK SWINGS OFF HIS SHIELD.



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THE HOLMGANG DUEL IS ON!
—
STARKAD, WHO HAS WON THE RIGHT TO THE FIRST BLOW TWIRLS HIS MIGHTY WAR HAMMER



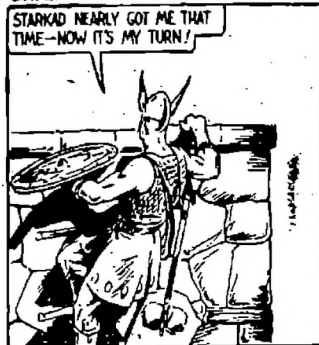
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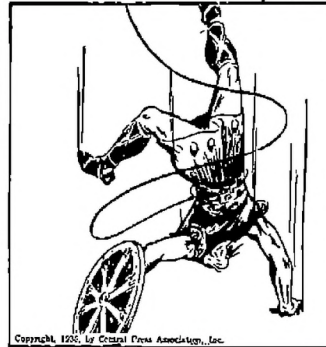


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AS BRICK GAZES CALMLY DOWN UPON THE TUMULT CREATED BY HIS VICTORY OVER STARKAD A HUGE MASKED FIGURE SKULKS FROM BEHIND AN ARENA PILLAR!



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WHY—THAT MAN'S THROWING
A SPEAR AT BRICK!

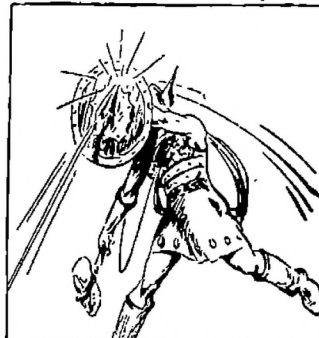


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I HAVE FAILED! NEXT TIME—
BUT NOW I'D BEST FLEE OR
IT WILL GO ILL INDEED WITH
ME!

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IT GIVES ME PLEASURE, BRADFORD, TO HAND
YOU THE JEWELLED HELMET—PRIZE OF
THE HOLMGANG DUEL

I WONDER WHO THAT MASKED
MAN WAS—WHO HURLED HIS
SPEAR AT BRICK!

WE HAVE SEARCHED
EVERYWHERE—HE
HAS VANISHED



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HOW DO I LOOK, HARALD,
IN MY NEW WAR HELMET?

I LIKE A WARRIOR—BRADFORD
MY FRIEND, I HAVE GUESSED
WHO HE, WHO TRIED
TO SLAY YOU, REALLY IS!



NO! IMPOSSIBLE! WHY HE
ARE YOU CERTAIN, HARALD?

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THE
FEAST OF
HEROES
HAVING
CONCLUDED,
BRICK
AND
VAN ATTA
SALISBURY
FIND
THEMSELVES
SUMMONED
INTO
THE
PRESENCE
OF
THORKILL
THE
KING

YOU, MY FRIENDS, ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
HERE—BUT IT IS IN MY MIND TO SEND
YOU TO YOUR HOME—



WITH A SHIPLoad OF SILVER FOR MASTERMAN
BRADFORD, YOU AND HARALD ARE TO HEAD AN
EXPEDITION TO THE SILVER HILLS TO OBTAIN
THE PRECIOUS ORE



HARALD, HAVE
YOU HEARD—



YES—WE LEAVE TODAY
FOR THE SILVER HILLS

OH, BRICK—
BE CAREFULL



DON'T WORRY, JUNE—THE ONLY
DANGER IS COLD—AND I'M
DRESSED FOR THAT

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WELL, HARALD—THIS IS ONE EXPEDITION WHICH
PROBABLY WILL NOT BE EXCITING



THE JOURNEY TO THE SILVER HILLS BEGINS

I DON'T KNOW, BRICK—
SOMEHOW I'VE A PRE-
MONITION OF DANGER



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HARALD! AND THE STRANGER?! I
MUST GET TO THE MANES ERE
THEY DO TO WARN—



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SO THOSE ARE THE SILVER HILLS!
WHAT AN AWE-INSPIRING
SIGHT!



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BRADFORD, I SMELL DANGER
IN THIS DARK MINE

WE SHOULD HAVE AWAITED
THE REST OF OUR PARTY



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AYE, MEN! CUT THEM DOWN!



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WE'RE IN LUCK, BRADFORD—
IT WILL BE A GOOD FIGHT



BACK TO BACK, THE FRIENDS FACE THEIR FOES

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SIX AGAINST TWO UNTIL—HAROLD STRIKES HOME



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A THIRD TUMBLES, FALLS ON A BROKEN SPEAR



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BRICK STRIKES AGAIN—NOW, TWO AGAINST TWO!

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HAVING ELIMINATED FOUR OF THEIR SIX FOES IN A DESPERATE BATTLE IN A SILVER MINE SHAFT, BRICK AND HARALD, THOUGH EXHAUSTED, HURL THEMSELVES AT THEIR TWO REMAINING FOEMEN



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AS
BRICK
AND
HIS
MASKED
FOE
SCRAMBLE
TO
THEIR
FEET
TO
RESUME
THE
STRUGGLE,
HARALD'S
MEN
ENTER
THE
MINE
SHAFT



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THE MASKED MAN BOUNDS TO HIS FEET —



AND VANISHES UP A PATH INTO THE MAZE OF INNER TUNNELS —

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I'VE A SLIGHT PAIN — 'TIS NOTHING — FROM THAT BLOW

YOU ARE LUCKY, HARALD — AND NOW I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING



LOOK! THE GANG WHICH ATTACKED US HAD DUG OUT ALL THIS SILVER!

ROBBERIES! THIS MINE IS MY BROTHER'S



AND LOOK! THEIR ARMOR WAS OF JOTUNHEIM — SKULLS' MEN — THAT MEANS —

THERE WILL BE MUCH TROUBLE OVER THIS!



THE JOKES REALLY ON THEM — THEY DUG THE SILVER FOR US, UNKNOWINGLY

—AND WERE WELL REPAID FOR THEIR LABOR BY OUR SWORDS!

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NOT FOR LOVE, MY KING— THOUGH OSKE WAS I SOUGHT OUT BY MEN SUCH AS YOU!



NOW AGED SVETRYG DEALS ONLY IN DREAMS AND LAST EVENTIDE. DID I DREAM OF THINGS THAT SHOOK ME MIGHTILY— I SAW THINGS THORKILL, MY KING, THAT HELD THE FATE OF YOU AND YOUR LANDS!



I SAW YOUR FERTILE LANDS SPROUTING NAUGHT BUT SWORDS, THORKILL! THE RED GLOW OF WAR WAS EVERYWHERE—



SIXTH CAME TO PASS, THORKILL, BECAUSE, IN MY DREAMS, I SAW TWO DOVES, ONE DARK, ONE WHITE, CAUGHT AND HELD CAPTIVE BY A FAT HAWK KNOWN AS GWILL THE DWARF!



EH? WHAT'S THIS, WARDER? GET YOU GONE SVETRYG, AND MY THANKS GO WITH YE!

SIRE—THE PRINCE HARALD, YOUR BROTHER, AND BRADFORD ARE RETURNED!

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WELCOME HOME, BROTHER! YOU GLADDEN A NIGHT SEAMED WITH SORROW—NAUGHT BUT YOUR RETURN COULD CHEER THIS UNEASY MIND—BUT HERE, LET US SUP—DOUBT—LESS YOU ARE HUNGRY

WE'VE THE SILVER AND—



YOUR SISTER THORA, AND MISS SALISBURY WALKED THIS DAY ALONG THE SEA SHORE AND HAVE NOT YET RETURNED SO IT—

WHAT, WARDER?

SIRE, THERE IS A SHEPHERD HERE WHO HAS NEWS OF THE PRINCESS THORA!



MAJESTY, BELIEVE ME, AN HUMBLE SHEPHERD—I SAW HER HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS THORA, AND A DARK-HAIRED GIRL TAKEN CAPTIVE AND THE CAPTORS PUT TO SEA—EASTWARD!



O AGONY! SVETRYG SAW TRUTH! MY HEART'S BLOOD IS STOLEN! BUT—WE MUST SET OUT IN PURSUIT, AT ONCE!

WE CANNOT DELAY ONE MOMENT!

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THE RAIDER VIKING SHIP, BEARING JUNE, SALISBURY AND THE PRINCESS THORA AS CAPTIVES, SIGHTS A SIGNAL FIRE FAR FROM THORA'S HOME



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THE SIGNAL IS THAT OF THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED MAN WHO TWICE HAS ATTEMPTED BRICK BRADFORD'S UNDOING AND HAS FAILED—BUT THIS TIME? THE RAIDERS' CAPTAIN GOES ASHORE



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THOROLD'S LONGSHIPS, SCOURING THE WATERS OFF THE ISLAND OF JOTUNHEIM, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE THE VIKING CAPTORS OF THE PRINCESS THORA AND JUNE SALISBURY

I FEAR THE BLACK BIRDS HAVE FLOWN BEYOND REACH OF OUR ARROWS!



SAV! I'VE AN IDEA! WE MUST BE NEAR OUR OLD BASE WHERE PROFESSOR SAUSSURE'S PLANE—

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LET'S SAIL TO THAT POINT—YOU AND I TAKE THE PLANE AND LOOK FOR THE RAIDERS FROM THE AIR!



EXCELLENT, BRICK/ EXCELLENT!

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—AND SO THE WAR FLEET APPROACHES THE SITE OF THE SALISBURY EXPEDITION'S BASE.

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THERE'S WHERE WE LANDED IN THE PLANE!



AND THERE'S THE PLANE!



I'M BLURRING TO HANDLE THAT OLD CRATE, AGAIN, ANYWAY!

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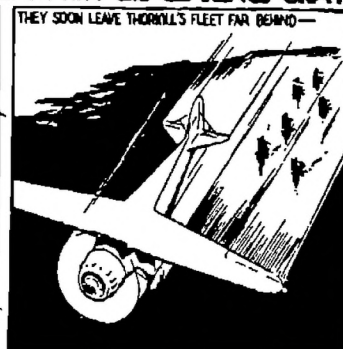
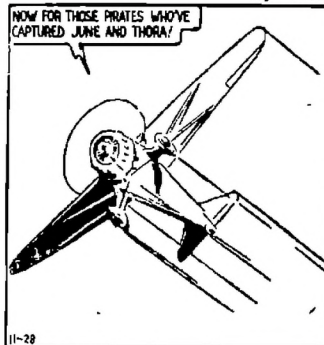
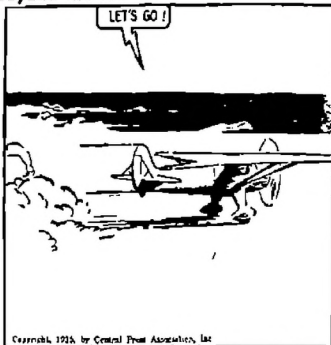
SLOW UP BRICK—I THINK I SAW SOME ONE SQUAWK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT PLANE!



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HER
MOTORS
DRUMMING
A SONG
OF
DEFIANCE
TO
THE
ELEMENTS,
BRICK'S
PLANE
ROARS
THROUGH
THE
ARCTIC
AIR
IN
PURSUIT
OF THE
VIKING
PIRATES.



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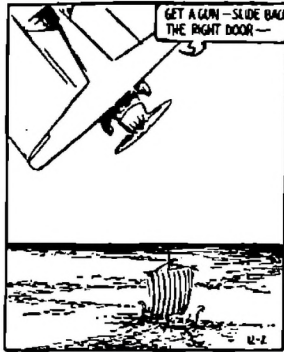


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AS
BRICK
AND
SALSBURY,
IN THEIR
PLANE,
DISCOVER
THE VIKING
SHIP ON
WHICH
LUNE AND THOR
ARE CAPTIVES,
THE FEAR-
LESS
RAIDERS
DECIDE TO
HURL THE
GIRLS INTO
THE SEA
AS SACRIFICE
TO THE
"DRAGON"
IN THE
SKY



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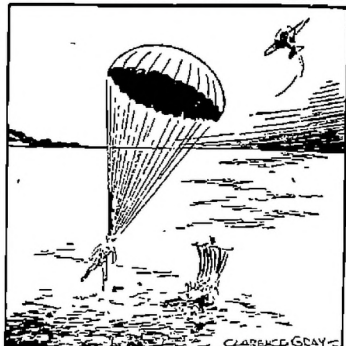
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SUB-MACHINE
GUN ARE
PANIC-
STRICKEN



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LEE, COMRADES—THE EVIL
ONE STILL PURSUES US!



BRICK—OH, BRICK!



IF I DON'T CUT MYSELF FREE OF THIS
CHUTE IT WILL DRAG ME UNDER!



HELLO, GIRLS—HERE
COMES COMPANY!



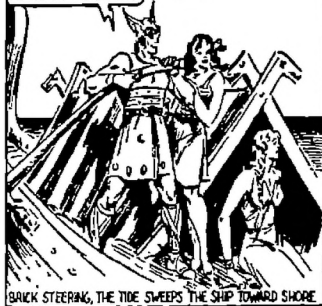
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YOUR DAD, JUNE, HAS LANDED THE
PLANE ON THE BEACH!



BRICK STEERING, THE TIDE SWEEPS THE SHIP TOWARD SHORE

THERE HE
IS, NOW!



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ONCE AGAIN, BRICK, YOU'VE SAVED
MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE!



FORGET IT—SAY THIS
FIRE FLEETS GREAT!

IF MY BROTHERS, THORNDILL AND
HAROLD, DO NOT SOON SIGHT US WE
ARE LIKE TO STARVE HERE!



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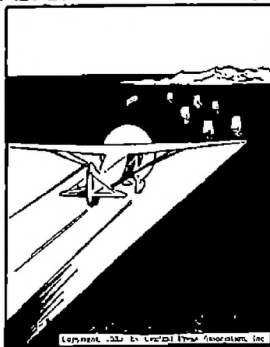
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FLEEING FROM THE VIKING RAIDERS, BRICK AND HIS FRIENDS SIGHT THORILL'S FLEET NEAR AN ISLAND



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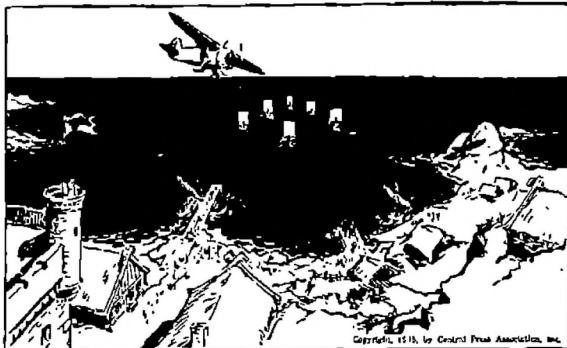
ONCE MORE THORA AND HER BROTHERS ARE REUNITED

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THORILL'S FLEET, ACCOMPANYING BRICK AND HIS FRIENDS, RETURNS TO ASGAR, WHERE THE POPULACE JOYFULLY GREET'S THE RETURN OF THEIR PRINCESS, THORA



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AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN VANAHLEM, GWILL THE DWARF IS FEASTING WITH HIS NOBLES IN ANTICIPATION OF GAINING THORA AS HIS BRIDE!

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ALONE? ALONE? IF YOU JUST, WARDER—SEND WULF TO ME, AT ONCE!

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AT THAT MOMENT A HUGE MASKED MAN APPEARS AT THE DOOR OF GWILI'S CASTLE

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THE ARENA IN ASGARD IS ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY AS A GREAT ALTAR IS PREPARED FOR THE ANNUAL FEAST OF THOR — BRICK IS AN INTERESTED SPECTATOR.

AND YOU SAY THE GOD THOR APPEARS ON THE NIGHT OF THE FEAST? I DOUBT IT, HARALD!

AND WELL YOU MIGHT—"THOR" IS REALLY MY BROTHER THORRILL—AS WE'RE ALL KINGS BEFORE HIM.



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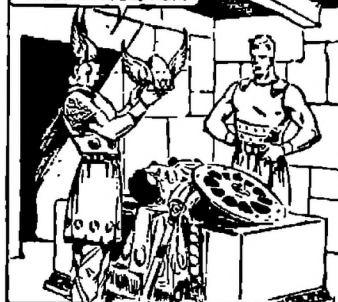
BUT THAT'S A DECEPTION!

OF COURSE! BUT THE COMMON FOLK DEMAND TO SEE THOR, SO—WE GIVE THEM THOR—COME, I SHOW YOU.



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LEGEND HAS IT THIS IS THE ANCIENT ARMOR OF THOR—IT IS SHINY GOLD—THORRILL WILL WEAR IT ON FEAST NIGHT!



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WELL, THORRILL, I SEE YOU ARE GETTING READY TO PUT ON YOUR "THOR" SHOW.

AH, AND I SEE MY BROTHER HARALD HAS BEEN TELLING YOU THINGS!



YOU SHOULDN'T DECEIVE YOUR SUBJECTS—IT ISN'T FAR!

BRADFORD, THIS BUSINESS SICKENS ME AS IT DOES YOU



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IT HAS BEEN MY HOPE THAT WHEN YOUR PEOPLE AND MINE BECOME ACQUAINTED YOUR PEOPLE MAY TEACH MINE THE WAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT.



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—BUT UNTIL THEN, THE OLD GODS AND CUSTOMS MUST RULE—FAREWELL, MY FRIEND!



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BRICK AND JUNE FROM A VANTAGE POINT WATCH THE VIKING FEAST OF THOR.

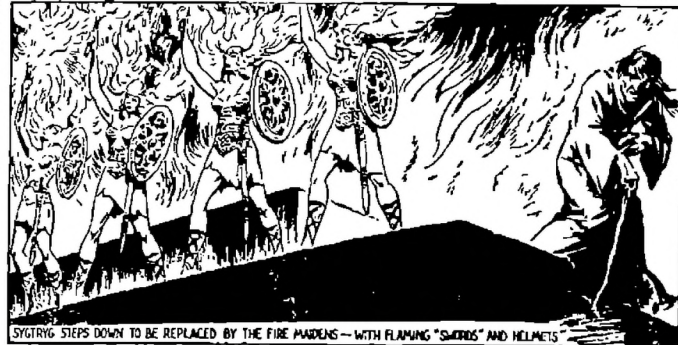


IT'S SYGTRYG THE WITCH—SHE'S ABOUT TO START THE SHOW!



FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF THOR—SOON YOU SHALL SEE HIM WHO RULES OVER ALL THIS LAND—THOR!

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SYGTRYG STEPS DOWN TO BE REPLACED BY THE FIRE MAIDENS—WITH FLAMING "SWORDS" AND HELMETS

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TWO FLAME MAIDENS STANDING ON THE ALTAR HOLDING ALOFT THE SACRED BANNER OF THE WHITE RAVEN



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THE BANNER DROPS AND REVEALS A MAGNIFICENT FIGURE IN GOLDEN ARMOR

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IT IS THORKILL—IN THE ANCIENT ARMOR OF THOR



LOOK UPON ME AND BELIEVE, ONE-AND-ALL / I AM THOR THE THUNDERER—I LIVE AGAIN IN THE PERSON OF YOUR KING!

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**BOW DOWN, FOOLS, BOW DOWN!
HERE STANDS THOR!**



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OH, BRICK! WHAT A DREADFUL FAITH—IF WE COULD ONLY TEACH THESE PEOPLE THE BLESSING OF TRUE RELIGION!

I'M AFRAID THEY WOULD NOT LISTEN—WE'D ONLY GET INTO TROUBLE—

SPLENDOR, YES, BUT THE SPECTACLE LAST NIGHT? SUCH FUGAN SPLENDOR!

SPLendor, YES, BUT THE
"PAGAN" SPOILED IT.

WASNT THAT A MAGNIFICENT
SPECTACLE LAST NIGHT? SUCH
EXAN SPLENDOR!



THORKIL, THORA AND HARALD ARE SUCH GRAND PEOPLE IT JUST MAKES ME HEARTSICK TO SEE THEM SLAVES OF THEIR SAVAGE HEATHEN FAITH!

WHAT'S THIS, MY CHILD? SURELY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TURN MISSIONARY? YOU CAN'T CONVERT THESE PEOPLE!

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NO-BUT THIS IS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND I'M GOING TO TELL THORA THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS-IT-IT MAY MAKE HER HAPPIER!

GOOD GIRL! YOU'RE A SWEET CHILD JUNE-ALWAYS THINKING OF THE HAPPINESS OF OTHERS!

FLORENCE GRAY

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AND I'M GOING TO TELL THORA THE
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WHILE HOLIDAY REGNS IN THORKILL'S HALL—THERE ARE SINISTER EVENTS IN OTHER CORNERS OF THE GOOD KING'S EMPIRE.



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THERE IS A SINISTER CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE MASKED MAN IN THE HALL OF GWILI, RESENT OF VANAHHEIM—MIGHTY MEN ARE THERE—SKULL, EARL OF JOTUNHEIM; WULF, THE SEA CAPTAIN, RELEASED FROM HIS DUNGEON, GWILI AND THE MASKED MAN AND STARKAD, THE SON OF STORM.



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AT THE COMMAND OF GWILI AND SKULL, THE VIKING ARMIES AND FLEETS OF VANAHHEIM AND JOTUNHEIM MOBILIZE SECRETLY FOR THE ATTACK ON ASGARD, THORKILL'S STRONGHOLD.



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ON THAT RUGGED POINT OF THE ISLAND OF VANAHLEM KNOWN AS THE WITCH'S HEAD, DWELL'S ROLE, AN OLD WAR CAPTAIN WHO WON HONOR UNDER THE LATE KING, THORWALD THE WISE, AND ROUF'S SON, SIEGFRIED.



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ON THE ADVICE OF HIS FATHER, SIEGFRIED QUITS HIS HOME IN THE EARLY DAWN TO SEEK FAME, WITH HIS SWORD AND, PERHAPS, FORGET HIS LOVE OF THE PRINCESS THORA.





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NINE MILES MORE—AND THORILL LEARNS OF THE THREAT AGAINST HIS REIGN!



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HEARKEN! HOO! BEATS / COMRADES, OUR ORDER! "LET NO ONE PASS THIS WAY!"



BUT THREE OF THE REBEL SKULL'S SCOUTS BAR THE HIGHWAY!

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HALT, YOUTH, OR DIE!



WITHOUT slackening HIS PACE SIEGFRIED SMASHES THROUGH!

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WARDER ADMIT ME! I MUST SEE THORKIL THE KING—AT ONCE!



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GWIL—STARVAD—SKULL—THEIR ARMS—AND—MEN—IN—IN REVOLT—BY—BY—LAND—AND—S—SLA—



WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS?

WOUNDED! THE MAN HAS SWOONED!



CANST' SEE ME TOLD THE TRUTH?

HERE! LET ME HELP!

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WHILE THEY AWAIT SIEGFRIED'S RETURN TO CONSCIOUSNESS, BRICK AND HARALD GO FOR A ROW ON THE DAY OF ASGARD



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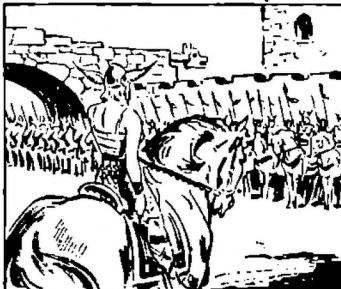
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ASAHEIM
ROLL
FORTH
THEIR
MESSAGE
TO
ALL
MEN
OF
ARMS



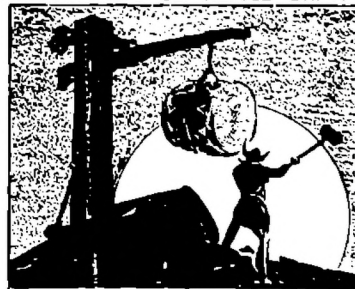
INTO ASGARD BAY SAILS THE ROYAL FLEET UNDER
COMMAND OF THE AGED SEA-CHEF, OTTER AKAASON!



AND FROM THE HINTERLAND MARCH THE HALF-MAD
BERSERKERS, CAPTAINED BY DRAN THE BLOOD-LETTER!



IN THE CASTLE COURTYARD THORA REVIEWS HER FAMOUS
BATTLE MAIDEN TROOPS — THE VALKYRIES



BUT ON, THROUGH THE NIGHT, THE DREADED TROOP, DRUMROOM
OF THE BATTLE DRUMS IT! THAT PEACE HAS FINISHED!

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MY ARMY, MY FLEET ARE READY
BUT I AM HELPLESS FOR I KNOW
NOT WHERE WILL COME THE
ATTACK!

WELL, WE DO—BRICK AND I
HAVE MAPPED THESE
ISLANDS AND WE'VE FOUND
BUT TWO VULNERABLE SPOTS

YOU SEE—MOUNTAINS MAKE YOUR ISLAND
IMPEGNABLE. SAVE IN THE REGIONS OF
THE BIFROST BRIDGE AND THE BAY OF
VENGEANCE!

AND THERE, YOU
CAN BET, THE
ENEMY WILL ATTACK!

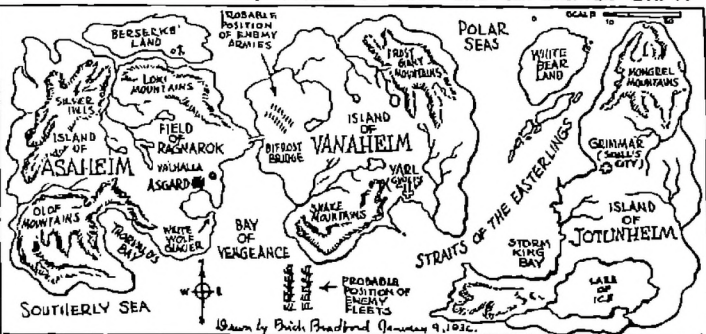


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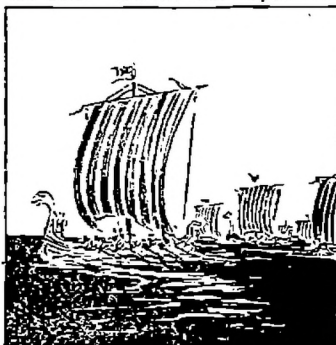
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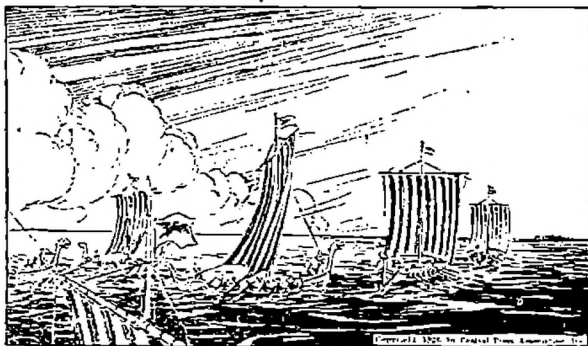
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THORHILL'S FLEET SAILS INTO THE SOUTHERLY SEA, WITH NO EFFORT AT CONCEALMENT, SO ENEMY SPIES MAY SEE THEM



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AS
THE
REBEL
FLEET
SETS
SAIL
FOR
THE
CITY
OF
ASGARD
CRAFTY
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OTTER
ASKSON
SWIMS
HIS
SHIPS
ABOUT,
APPARENTLY
IN
PURSUIT



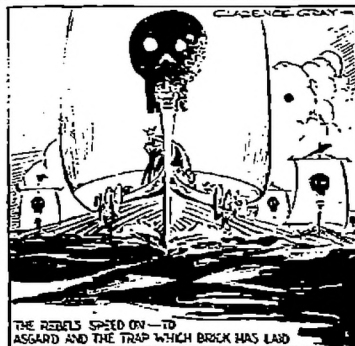
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LOOK, SUNDBROM! OLD OTTER SEES US AND
PURSUES—BUT WHEN HE CATCHES UP ALL
ASGARD WILL BE AFIRE!

HE ABORD THE REBEL FLAGSHIP



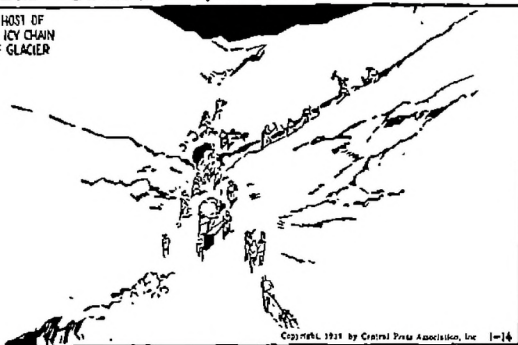
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THE REBELS SPEED ON—TO
ASGARD AND THE TRAP WHICH BRICK HAS LAID

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UNDER BRICK'S ORDERS A HOST OF
VIKINGS CUT AWAY AT THE ICY CHAIN
WHICH HOLDS WHITE WOLF GLACIER
TO THE MOUNTAIN SIDE—



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I FEAR OTTER MAY HAVE TRICKED
THE ENEMY INTO SAILING HERE
TOO SOON!

ONE MORE HOUR AND THE
GLACIER WILL FALL AT
MY COMMAND!

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WITH A
MIGHTY
ROAR
THE
DYNAMITE
CHARGE,
PLANTED
BY
BRICK,
TEARS
LOOSE
THE
ICY
FETTERS
OF
WHITE
WOLF
GLACIER



AN
AVALANCHE
OF
ICE
SMASHES
DOWN
UPON
THE
REBEL
FLEET

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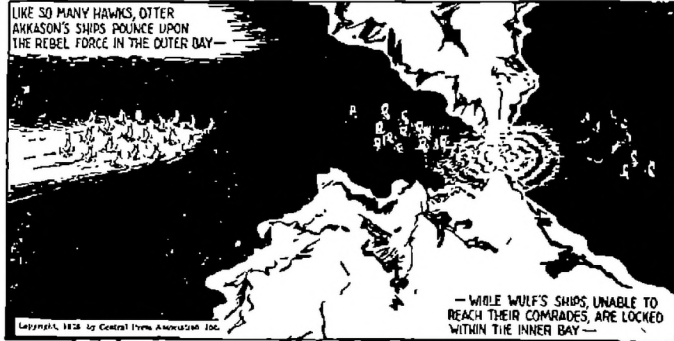
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COLOSSAL
FRAGMENTS
OF
SHATTERED
WHITE
WOLF
GLACIER
PLUNGING
INTO
ASGARD
INLET
CUT
THE
REBEL
VIKING
FLEET
IN
TWO



LIKE SO MANY HAWKS, OTTER
AKKASON'S SHIPS POUNCE UPON
THE REBEL FORCE IN THE OUTER BAY—



—WHILE WOLF'S SHIPS, UNABLE TO
REACH THEIR COMRADES, ARE LOCKED
WITHIN THE INNER BAY—

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THERE IS THE ENEMY! FORWARD—
FOR THORKILL!



THE TWO FLEETS SWEEP TOGETHER—

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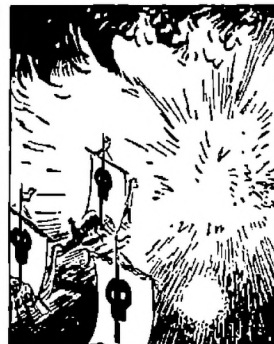
NIGHT—
IN
THE
DIM
LIGHT,
THE
REBEL
SHIPS
CREEP
TOWARD
THE
TOWN—
BRICK
AND
HARALD,
ABOARD
THE
OIL
BARGE,
HOWEVER,
SEE
THEM



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BRICK
AND
HARALD
SWIM
SWIFTLY
AWAY
FROM
THE
BLAZING
BARGE—
THE
CASKS
OF
OIL
EXPLODE—



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CAUGHT IN A POOL OF BLAZING OIL, THE REMAINING SHIPS OF THE REBEL FLEET ARE SWIFT BY A ROARING TEMPEST OF FLAME

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FLIE, CAPTAIN, WE ARE DOOMED!

SAVE YOURSELF! I STAY!



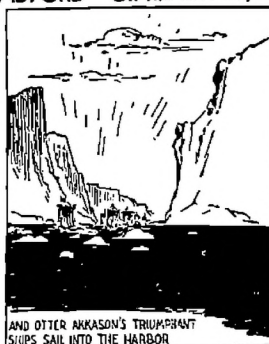
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LIKE A TRUE VIKING, WOLF, THE SEA CAPTAIN, STANDS WITH HIS SHIP, SINGING HIS DEATH SONG—THE RED TONGUES OF FIRE LEAP FORWARD AND WOLF IS GONE

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DAWN—THE FIERCE HEAT OF THE BURNING REBEL FLEET HAS LOOSENED THE FRAGMENTS OF THE ICE BARRIER CAUSED BY THE FALL OF THE GLACIER



AND OTTER ARKASON'S TRIUMPHANT SHIPS SAIL INTO THE HARBOR



SEE YONDER, WOLF'S SHIP—THE BLACK SKELETON OF WHAT WAS THE TERROR OF THE SEA!

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THESE ARE THE SURVIVORS OF WOLF'S CREW—WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THEM?



I SET YOU FREE IF YOU NOW ETERNAL LOYALTY TO THORWILL, YOUR KING

WE DO? WE DO!

WE DO?

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AWAIT
THE
UNSLAUGHT
OF
THE
ENEMY



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IN
THE
CAMP
OF
THE
REBELS
THE
LEADERS
HOLD
A
COUNCIL
OF
WAR



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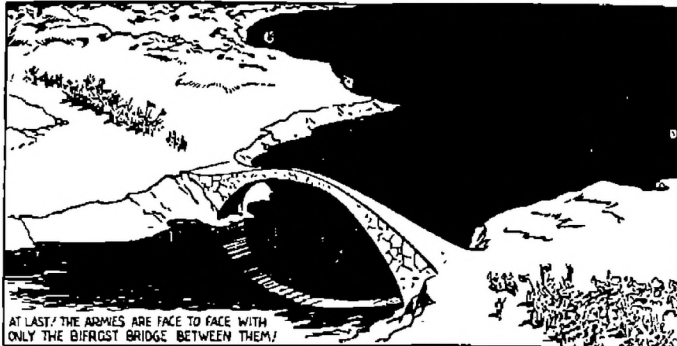
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LED BY BRICK AND HARALD THE LOYAL
ARMY APPROACHES THE BIFROST BRIDGE —



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WHILE THE REBELS APPROACH FROM THE OTHER SIDE



AT LAST! THE ARMIES ARE FACE TO FACE WITH
ONLY THE BIFROST BRIDGE BETWEEN THEM!

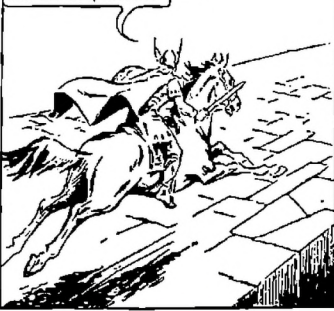
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LET'S ATTACK THEM NOW, HAROLD!

BUT OUR ARMIES CAN'T FIGHT ON THAT NARROW BRIDGE!



NO, BUT I CAN! AND I'VE A "DATE" WITH THAT DOG, STARKAD!



HO, STARKAD? YOU WHOM I HAVE TWICE DEFEATED, COME FORTH TO FIGHT—IF YOU DARE!



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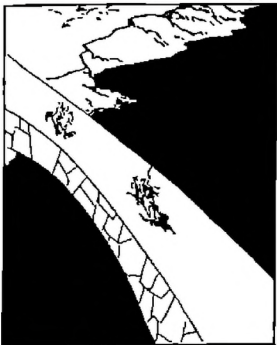
THE GODS ARE GOOD, BRADFORD! I HAD NOT DARE HOPE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!



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IN THE VERY CENTER OF THE BIFROST BRIDGE BRICK AND STARKAD MEET IN SINGLE COMBAT WHILE THE ARMIES LOOK ON



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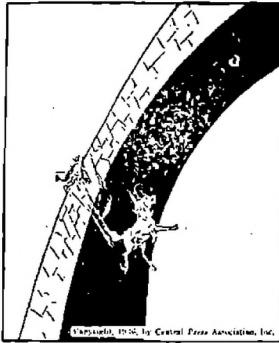
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SEEING
HE
IS
UNABLE
TO
BEAT
BRICK
IN
FAIR
FIGHT,
STARHAD
TREACHER-
OUSLY
FORCES
BRADFORD'S
HORSE
OVER
THE
SIDE
OF
THE
BRIDGE

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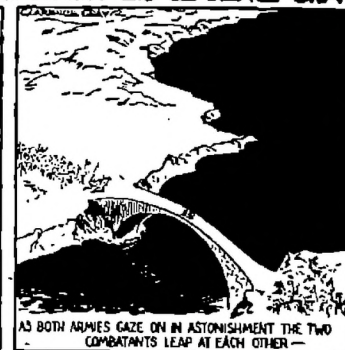
YOU HAVE ME, BRADFORD? YOU ARE
ARMED AND I AM NOT!

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THERE! THAT MAKES US EVEN—
COME ON, STARHAD, WE'LL
FINISH THIS WITH OUR HANDS!



AS BOTH ARMIES GAZE ON IN ASTONISHMENT THE TWO
COMBATANTS LEAP AT EACH OTHER—

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OUTWITTED
IN
HIS
FIGHT
WITH
BRICK
STARKAD
FALLS
FROM
THE
BRIDGE

THUS
FROM
THE
REALM
OF
MEN
PASSES
CRUEL,
AMBITIOUS
STARKAD,
SON
OF
STORM

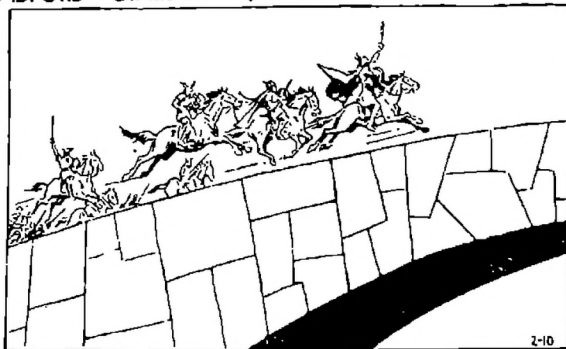


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THE
LEADERS
OF
THE
REBELS,
SEEING
BRICK
ALONE
AND
UNARMED
ON
THE
BRIDGE,
CHARGE
TOWARD
HIM.



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BRICK SUDDENLY FINDS HIM-
SELF BETWEEN TWO
CONVERGING BODIES OF
GALLOPING HORSEMEN AS
HARALD AND HIS MEN RUSH
TO HIS AID

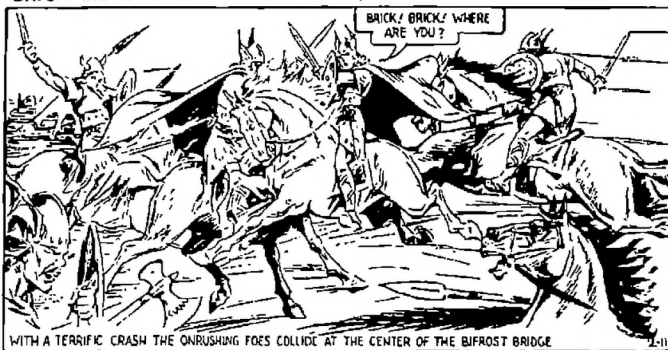


FORWARD, ALL! THEY RIDE
DOWN OUR COMPANION!

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BRICK! BRICK! WHERE
ARE YOU?

WITH A TERRIFIC CRASH THE ONRUSHING FOES COLLIDE AT THE CENTER OF THE BIFROST BRIDGE.

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A SAVAGE BATTLE ENSUES — MANY FALL



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— BUT WHERE IS BRICK? —

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BRICK, CAUGHT IN THE WHIRL OF BATTLE, SAVES HIMSELF BY LEADING UPON A RIDERLESS HORSE!

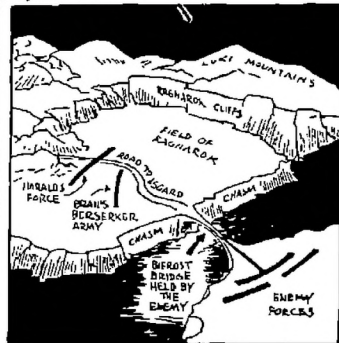
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DAWN
BREAKS
OVER
THE
FIELD
OF
RAGNAROK

FRIEND
AND
FOE
ARISE,
REFRESHED
FOR
THE
IMPENDING
STRUGGLE

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LED BY
BRAN'S
BERSERKERS,
THORKILL'S
ARMY
CLASHED
AT LAST
IN
DECISIVE
BATTLE
WITH
THE
REBEL
FORCES
ON
THE
FIELD
OF
RAGNAROK



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AS THE
SWIRL
OF
BATTLE
ENGULFS
BOTH
ARMIES,
A FLANK
MOVEMENT
BY THE
REBELS
CUTS
OFF
KING
THORKILL
FROM
HIS
MEN



BRICK
SMASHES
THROUGH
THE
RING
OF
THORKILL'S
FOES,
ROUTS
THEM
AND
SAVES
THE
KING

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THE
SUPERIOR
FORCE
OF
THE
FOE
BEGINS
TO
TELL
—
SLOWLY
BUT
SURELY
THORIKILL'S
ARMY
FALLS
BACK
FROM
THE
FIELD



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THEY WEAKEN! FORWARD,
MY MEN!

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THORIKILL, YOUR ARMY IS FALLING
BACK! WE'RE LOSING THE
BATTLE!

LEST WE RESCUE
AID, MY FRIEND, I
FEAR ALL IS LOST!

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YOU HAVE THORIKILL SURROUNDED?
GOOD! SEE, TOO, THAT BRADFORD
AND HARALD DO NOT
SURVIVE!

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BRICK! WE'RE SAVED! LOOK—
ATTACKING THE ENEMY FROM
THE REAR—

THE VALKYRIE!
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THE
SUDDEN
DASLAUGHT
OF
THORA'S
VALKYRIE
ROUTS
THE
REBELS

IN
FEAR
AND
CONFUSION
THEY
FLEE



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SO, GWILI PROVES A
COWARD!



THE REBEL CAUSE LOST, GWILI
FLEES—ABANDONING HIS MEN

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SO GWILI PAYS THE TRAITOR'S PRICE

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SKULL, WE ARE BEATEN!
WE MUST FLEE!

LOOK! THERE IS THORA —
PERHAPS, MASTER, ALL IS NOT
LOST!



I MUST FIND SIEGFRIED AND MY
BROTHERS —AND BRADFORD!



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GRAB HER, SKULL—QUICKLY!



BETTER HAD YOUR BROTHERS AND
BRADFORD LOST THE BATTLE
THAN YOU—MY SWEET!



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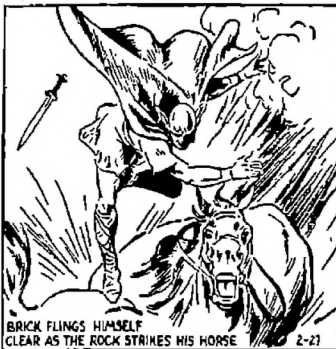
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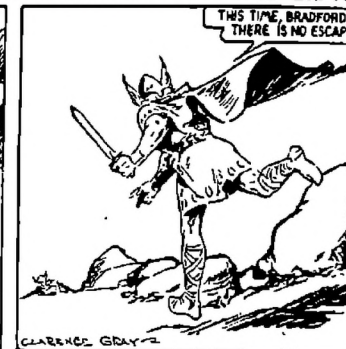
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SIEGFRIED, STILL MOUNTED, ENGAGES BRICK WHO BEATEN, FLEES INTO THE UNDERBUSH AND DISAPPEARS — MEANWHILE, THE MASKED LEADER ATTACKS BRICK WHO IS UNARMED



THE TWO ENEMIES, FIGHTING FEROCIOUSLY, TUMBLE DOWN THE STEEP HILL

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LOCKED IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS, BRICK AND THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED GIANT PLUNGE INTO A DEEP RAVINE.



THORA, MY SWEET, YOU ARE SAFE!

AND YOU, SIEGFRIED, MY— MY BELOVED!



YOU LOVE ME! THE GODS ARE GOOD!

I DO! I DO! BUT IN OUR HAPPINESS LET US NOT FORGET OUR FRIEND — BRICK — WE MUST FIND BRADFORD — HE MAY BE BLAME!

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SWEET SISTER THORA—SAFE! NOW CAN I REWARD YOU, BRADFORD, AND YOU, DREAMED, FOR HER RESCUE!



YOU MAY REWARD ME, SURE—BY PERMITTING THORA AND ME TO MARRY—WE LOVE EACH OTHER!

IS THIS TRUE, THORA?

IT IS TRUE—WONDERFULLY TRUE, MY BROTHER



THEN LET ME NOT STAND IN THE PATH OF YOUR HAPPINESS!

CONGRATULATIONS, OLD MAN!



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AND NOW I MUST DECIDE THE FATE OF THE DEFEATED REBEL ARMY—COME ALONG, BRADFORD



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MEN OF THE REBEL ARMY, HEARKEN! YOU HAVE RISEN IN CHALLENGE TO OUR RIGHT TO REIGN AND WE HAVE DEFEATED YOU—YOU HAVE TROD THE PATH OF TRAITORS AND SO HAVE FORFEITED YOUR VERY LIVES!



HOWEVER, WE FIND NOT IN OUR HEART THE WISH TO PUNISH YOU—FOR YOU WERE BUT FAITHFUL TO LEADERS WHO MISLED YOU AND THEIR POWER IS NOW DESTROYED!



SO GO HOME NOW TO YOUR FARMS AND FAMILIES AND LET US LIVE ONCE AGAIN TOGETHER IN PEACE AS BEFITS BROTHERS OF KINDRED BLOOD



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LONG LIVE THORKILL! WE THANK THEE, MOST MERCIFUL MONARCH! AND WILL DEFEND THEE AGAINST ALL ENEMIES!



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MEANWHILE
IN A
FOREST
RETREAT
THE
ENEMIES
OF
THORKILL
AND
BRICK
PLOT
ONE
LAST
ASSAULT



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A
SURPRISE
ATTACK
BY
GAMLA
AND
HIS
CONDRITS
CATCHES
BRICK
AND
HIS
FRIENDS
UNARMED
IN
THORKILL'S
GREAT
HALL—
NOW
SET
AFIRE
BY
GAMLA



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BRICK, HAVING UPSET GAMLA AND HIS GANG BY FLUNGING A BENCH AT THEM, SCRAMBLES FOR A SWORD



HERE, HARALD! GRAB THIS!

AND SO DOES SHALL THE TREACHEROUS COME TO THE END OF HIS DAYS

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HIS FRIENDS HAVING ESCAPED THROUGH THE DOOR, BRICK, FIGHTING OFF HIS ATTACKERS BACKS TOWARD THE EXIT—WHEN—



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AS THE HUNGER-
MAD WOLVES
LEAP TOWARD
HIM GAMLA
DECIDES
TO JUMP

TOS
LATE!



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AND SO
IN
THE
SHADOW
OF
THE
ICE
MOUNTAINS
IS
ENDED
THE
CAREER
OF
GAMLA
WHOSE
GREED
FOR
POWER
HAD
BROUGHT
RAIN
AND
TEARS
TO
MANY
OTHERS

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WELL, WE'LL NEVER AGAIN NEED FEAR
GAMLA OR GWILL OR SKULL AND THOR-
HILL'S PEOPLE MAY NOW LIVE IN PEACE



I WONDER, SOMETIMES, WHAT MOVES SUCH MEN AS
GAMLA—TO RUTHLESSLY DESTROY THE HAPPINESS
OF OTHERS IN THEIR INSANE HUNGER FOR POWER—
I COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND THAT



IT'D BETTER GET BACK TO ASGARD
JUNE AND THE OTHERS MAY BE
WORRIED ABOUT ME



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AND, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, I'M
RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES —
I NEED A GOOD REST!



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GAMLA
HAVING
FALLEN
TO HIS
DOOM,
BRICK
STARTS
BACK
TOWARD
THE CITY
OF
ASGARD
AND
HIS
FRIENDS

I'LL CERTAINLY BE HAPPY TO SEE JUNE,
HER FATHER AND THE REST AGAIN



I HOPE I DON'T LOSE MY WAY—I'M
NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS COUNTRY



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THAT FOREST LOOKS MENACING—
AND I HAVEN'T A WEAPON WITH
ME!



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A BULL, MOOSE AND A BIG ONE!
IF HE SEES ME—



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THAT MOOSE MEANS TROUBLE—
IF HE HEARS ME I'M DONE FOR!



CONFOUND IT! I WOULD STEP
ON A DRY TWIG!



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HE SEES ME AND I
CANNOT ESCAPE!



WITH A WILD ROAR THE GREAT BEAST HURTLIES TO-
WARD BRICK!



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BRICK IS HURLED UNCONSCIOUS, BEHIND A CLUMP OF TANGLED BRUSH WHERE, LUCKILY, THE GREAT MOOSE CANNOT REACH HIM.

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I AM WORRIED THAT BRADFORD DOES NOT RETURN, MARALD! AND I, TOO, LET ME SEARCH FOR HIM.

IN THE PALACE OF THORILL THE KING



SEEK HIM DILIGENTLY, MY BROTHER— WE'LL CAN SPARE SUCH A FRIEND AS HE!

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MISS JANE, YOU DID NOT—OVERHEAR? YES—AND I—I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR BRICK, TOO!



IT'S MADNESS—YOU—A GIRL—GOING ALONE INTO THAT WILDERNESS! FINE—BUT IF SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO BRICK I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!

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UNKNOWN
TO
HAROLD,
SOME
DISTANCE
AHEAD
IS
JUNE,
ALSO
SEEKING
BRICK
BRADFORD
WHO
THEY
FEAR
IS
LOST



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THE
SOUND
OF
JUNE'S
SHOT
ROUSES
BRICK —
HE
GROANS
FEBSLY
—
WILL
JUNE
OR
HAROLD
HEAR
HIM
?

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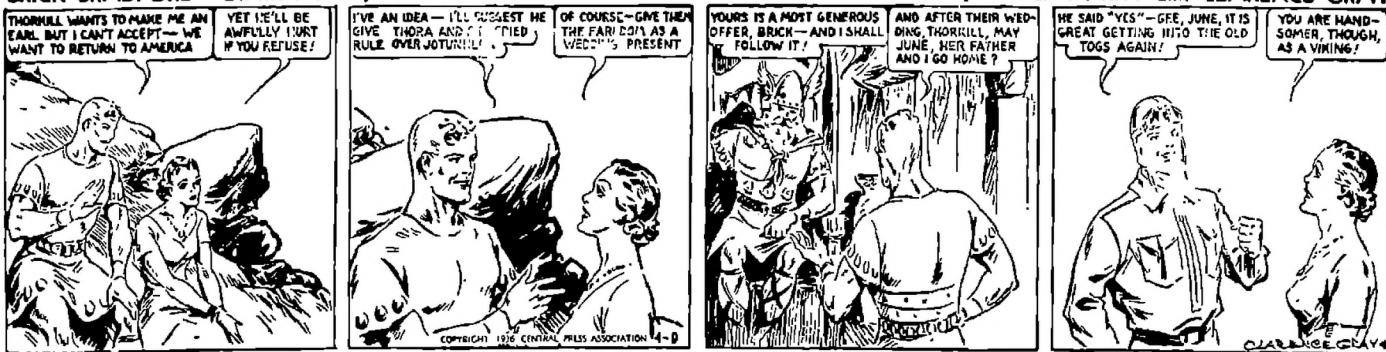
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THE GREAT HALL OF VALHALLA RESOUNDS WITH JOY AT THE MARRIAGE OF THORA, SISTER OF THE KING AND SIEGFRIED, NEW EARL OF JOTUNHEIM

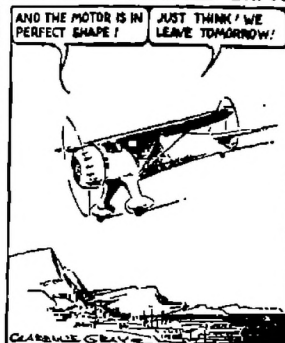


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THE NEXT DAY BRICK PUTS HIS PLANE IN SHAPE FOR THE FLIGHT HOME



WE HAVE JUST ABOUT ENOUGH GAS TO GET HOME, TOO!



AND THE MOTOR IS IN PERFECT SHAPE! JUST THINK! WE LEAVE TOMORROW!

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THE TIME HAS COME FOR BRICK TO DEPART FOR AMERICA— FINAL FAREWELLS ARE SAID



EVERY PLAN TO HIS HOMETOWN— I DO NOT BLAME YOU MY FRIEND!

GOODBY—WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE, THORHULL

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LIKE OUR FRIEND SOARS INTO THE BLUE AND, VERILY, WE SHALL NEVER AGAIN SEE THE LIKE OF BRICK BRADFORD!

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AND SO BRICK AND HIS FRIENDS FLY AWAY FOREVER FROM THE ISLES BEYOND THE ICE, TO STRANGE ADVENTURES IN ANOTHER LAND

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